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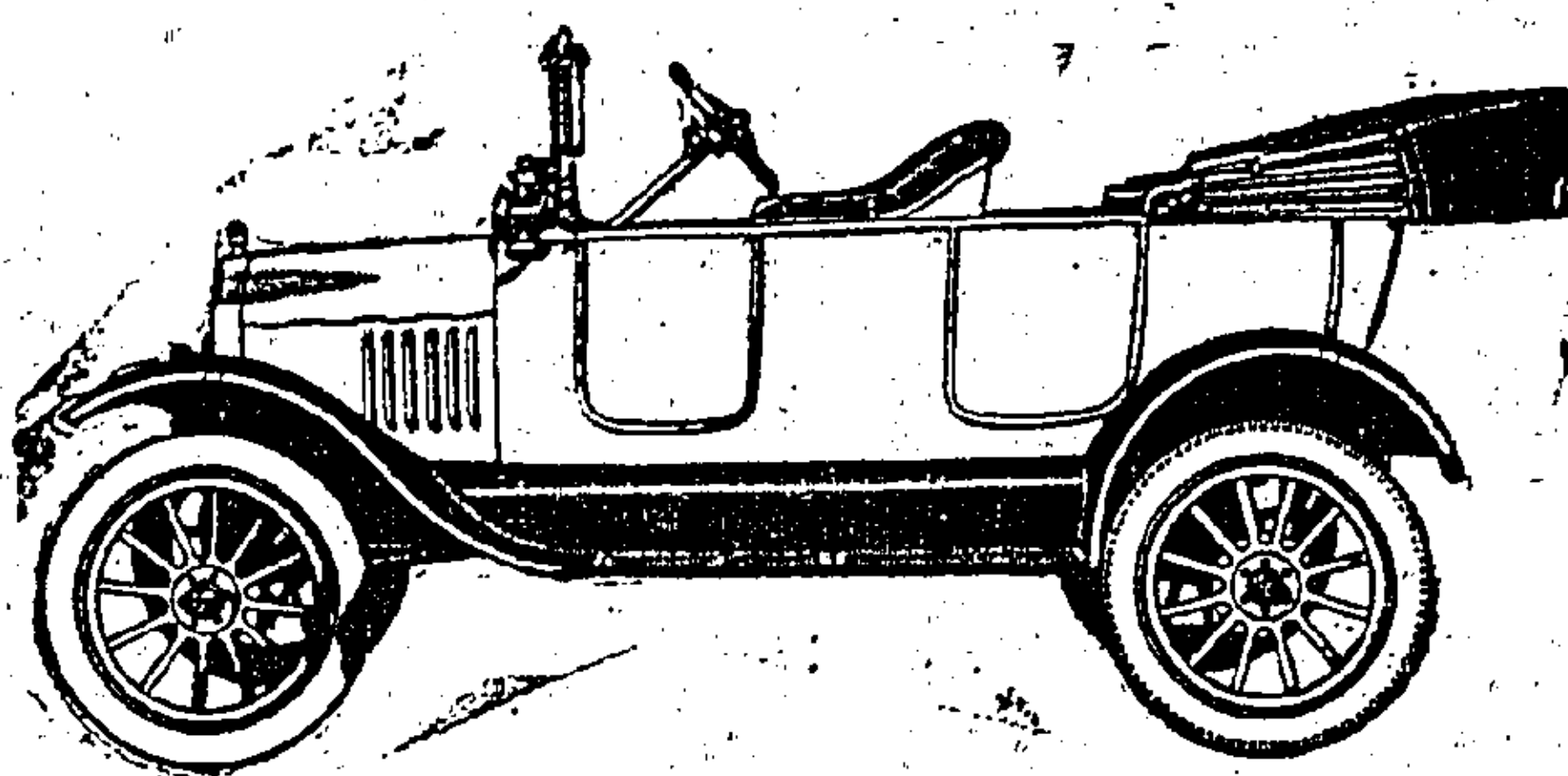
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A FOREIGNER'S SUICIDE AT SHANGHAI.

BUSINESS WORRY AND THE STRAIN OF THE WAR.

Mr. Peter Grain, Acting Coroner, at Shanghai, held an inquest, last week, concerning the death of Reginald Walter Chapman, who died from a rifle shot inflicted in his room at 22, Carter Road.

Dr. A. C. Bryson who gave evidence said deceased had been a patient of his and a month ago was in hospital suffering from dysentery. He seemed very depressed then over the question of his job, feeling that he was not strong enough to hold it down. He threw up that position and upon leaving hospital witness recommended him to take a sea trip, and he went to the north, returning early last week. He called at witness's office on his return and looked very fit, and on that occasion he mentioned that he was looking for a job with less responsibility attaching to it. On the morning of the day on which he died he again called, said he thought it was useless trying to find a job in Shanghai at present, and added that he had booked a second class passage for home on the *Empress of Russia* leaving next week.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said Chapman was absolutely a temperate man, of a very quiet and reserved disposition. There was no suggestion of foul play in the case.

KEEPING A CHEERFUL FACE.

Mrs. F. A. McCann, at whose house deceased had stayed since his arrival in Shanghai four years ago, said she knew he was anxious about things but had no idea he was particularly depressed. He kept up a very cheerful face at home. He was not short of money. He went to his room after fifteen about 1.45 and the report was heard about 10 minutes later.

Inspector Gibson stated that amongst other things in deceased's pocket book witness found notes for \$30 and \$10 and a cheque for Tls. 600, but there were no letters throwing any light on the act of suicide. There was a letter home which he had not posted, and also some Peking photographs which he had intended to send. Witness also found some correspondence and an agreement entered into with Messrs. Richard Haworth & Co., of Manchester, and apparently he had written to them stating general conditions in Shanghai with regard to his salary.

DECEASED'S SALARY.

The Coroner: I see this is a five years' agreement, according to which he was to receive Tls. 150 for the first year, Tls. 175 for the second, Tls. 225 for the fourth and Tls. 250 for the fifth. I suppose that is the ordinary salary for a young man?

Inspector Gibson. For a man representing a company it is small.

The Coroner further observed that the agreement provided for six months' leave after five years' service, on full pay, at the rate of Tls. 125 per month. Mr. Grain also quoted a letter from Messrs. Haworth to the deceased, in which they wrote: "We are perfectly aware of the good service you have rendered since your arrival in Shanghai, but cannot see our way to alter the terms of the agreement." "He seems," said the Coroner, "to have placed before them the cost of living in Shanghai and his own inadequate remuneration. He complains that people he associates with all have higher salaries; but these letters are all written in 1921. I see that in June, 1922, his salary was raised to Tls. 325, and they cabled out so that he should lose no time in receiving it."

In answer to a question, Mrs. McCann said she was quite positive deceased was not in debt.

INTO THE HUANGPU.

Mr. R. G. Seaborn, manager of Messrs. G. W. Thornton & Co., stated that he had been on intimate terms with Mr. Chapman since his arrival in Shanghai. He came out as assistant to Messrs. Haworth, and was afterwards appointed manager. He said he was entitled to a manager's salary, and witness suggested that it was not reasonable that he being only 27 years of age, he should stick out for Tls. 500 and commission. After a lot of negotiation he was offered Tls. 400 without commission, but refused this and resigned. Upon leaving he received a cheque for Tls. 1,000, his full wages up to May 5th. He then started fidgeting about getting a new job, and witness told him to go easy, as he was not short of funds. Eventually he fixed up a contract with a Bradford firm at £200 a year and commission. About this time he was in a very excited state and would change his mind five times in as many minutes. One day he told witness that he had turned down the new job, and had been reproached for it, the remark being made that as a man, and a Mason he ought to be ashamed of going back on his word. This seemed to prey upon his mind, and three days afterwards he went into witness's office all wet, and said he had thrown himself into the Huangpu and that some Chinese had got him out. Alternately, witness argued and bullied him into a

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SUDDEN DEATH OF A SHIP'S OFFICER.

CHIEF OFFICER OF "ESANG"
DROPS DEAD ON DECK.

On April 1st after the arrival of the British str. *Esang* at Santalangow, a port on the Yalu River about eight miles below Antung, Chief Officer Edward Robert Leonard Paul died suddenly.

After the anchor was let go, Mr. Paul put up his hand and fell on the deck; the action of the officer's hand was taken as a signal to make the anchor chain fast; the sudden strain on the chain caused it to snap, with the result that the anchor was lost and the *Esang* nearly collided with the *Chengtu*, a B. & S. boat.

Mr. F. E. Wilkinson, British Consul-General at Mukden, investigated the circumstances on the ship on the 3rd inst. Dr. Larsen inspected the body, and declared that "so far as he could ascertain death was due to heart trouble." Captain Nicoll stated that since leaving Shanghai Mr. Paul had been suffering from diarrhoea during the whole trip. The Chief Engineer, Mr. Ritchie, stated that he had known Mr. Paul for 12 years and found him to be a good shipmate who was very popular with his brother officers and liked by all who knew him.

The *Esang* came up the Yalu and anchored near the Big Bridge at Antung. Mr. G. L. Shaw, the agent, made arrangements for the funeral; the coffin was draped in black, covered by a large British flag. All the foreigners of Antung were present at the burial, Capt. Nicoll, and all the Officers of the *Esang* who could be spared off duty, accompanied their dead shipmate to the grave, and the burial service was read by Mr. Wilkinson, Consul-General.

Mr. Paul was buried in the little foreign graveyard at Antung. He is the fourth foreigner buried there, i.e., two steam-boat officers and two Customs officers.

The late Chief Officer was 49 years of age, and according to correspondence found in his room he has a sister in London.

THE YARN MARKET.

MARKETS DULL BECAUSE OF
PIRACY AND BRIGANDAGE.

Messrs. Polishwails and Kotwall, Cotton and Yarn Brokers of Hongkong in their latest circular say:-

Since our last report on the 14th March our Yarn market, during the whole interval, has remained very dull and drooping, due to the absence of demand from the consuming districts in consequence of piracy and brigandage increasing on a more serious scale which greatly hindered river traffic with those places; hence prices have declined from \$5 to \$10 per bale, and Chinese holders are trying to part with their stocks in the local market at these reduced rates.

During the last three months, the rates of Yarn in India have continued very high, so Foreign holders held out their stock owing to the unfavourable rates in our market, but recent news of a heavy drop in India made them offer their holdings at present reduced prices, which resulted in the sales of about 5,000 bales. These transactions were mainly in a few most selected chops in 10s and 12s Yunnan market, while ordinary and low grades are entirely neglected, even cheap rates.

At the close the tone of our market is quiet and weak. Unsold stock 17,000 bales; Bargain in Chinese hands 7,000 bales; Arrivals from Bombay 7,000 bales.

SHANGHAI.—Much activity has been displayed by the Chinese dealers in making substantial purchases, and local Mills are reported to have done fairly large business in Shanghai yarn at slightly improved rates.

JAPANESE YARN.—The heavy fall in the prices of this Yarn has tempted buyers to fill up their immediate requirements and about 2,500 bales have changed hands during the interval.

RAW COTTON.—With small stock, market has remained very steady, and prices are firm. Quotations—Bongal \$37 to 43 per picul; Chinese \$45 to 53 per picul.

more reasonable frame of mind. His view seemed to be that people would think he made a big mistake in leaving Haworth's and turning down the other job, and that his career would be finished. He was depressed, and witness tried to get him to pull himself together. On Saturday morning he telephoned to witness and mentioned that he had been told nothing could be done at present about another position he was after, and he added that "things seemed pretty rotten." In order to buck him up, witness suggested a game of golf, but he did not turn up at the appointed time, and it was not until the evening that witness heard of his death. Deceased had been worrying for a long time and at times his talk was incoherent. He dreaded lest his father should think he had made a mess of things, and he was afraid his friends would get to know that he had thrown himself into the river. He was a nervous, highly strung man, and witness thought his service in the war—he was five years in the Royal Air Force—had shaken him up.

In giving his verdict, the Coroner said: I find that the deceased shot himself with a rifle while his mind was over-wrought through business worry and sickness, combined with his never having quite recovered from the strain of the war.

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COMPANY.The thirty-fourth ordinary general meet-
ing of Shareholders of the Hongkong
Electric Company was held on Saturday
morning at the Office of the Company,
Mr. A. O. Lang presiding. There were
also present:—the Hon. Sir Paul Chater,
C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr.
D. G. M. Bernard and Mr. T. G. Weall
(Directors), Mr. F. R. Marsh (General
Manager) and the following Shareholders:
Messrs. D. V. Stevenson, T. E. Pearce,
L. J. Davies, Leung Yan-po, Leung Fatin,
Ip Fook, L. E. Ozorio, O. Baptista, Ip
Hin, A. H. M. da Silva, G. Murray, V.
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The CHAIRMAN said:—Before commencing
the business of this meeting I wish to
record with deep regret the death of Mr.
Lau Chu Pak, a member of the directorate
of this Company for two years, whose
advice and assistance was greatly appre-
ciated by his colleagues on the Board.The report and accounts have been in
your hands for the prescribed period, and
I propose with your permission to take
them as read.The net profit for the year, after
making due allowance for depreciation, is
\$725,841.41, and with the sum of \$124,021.40
brought forward from last account, we
have \$849,862.81 for appropriation, and
this your Directors recommend should be
disposed of as follows:—To pay a dividend of \$1.50
per share on 240,000 shares—\$360,000.00
To pay a dividend of \$1.00
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To place to Reserve—300,000.00
To carry forward to next
account—130,179.81

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The balance of our authorized capital
was issued in July last. The dividend on
the old shares is the same as last year,
and that on the new shares is at the same
rate per annum. The number of units
sold during the year was 18 millions, an
increase of nearly 2½ millions on the pre-
vious year's output. Over 2,000 new con-
sumers were connected to our mains during
the year, and although the percentage in-
crease in sales of current is less than last
year, your Directors consider the rate of
expansion of our business to be
satisfactory.Our generating plant at North Point
has now a capacity of 15,000 kilowatts, and
we have on order further machinery to
increase this to 18,000 kilowatts. The
old Wanchai Station has been shut down
after nearly 32 years working, and the
whole of our output is now generated at
the North Point Station. Steady progress
has been made with the change over from
the old 100 volt to the new 200 volt system.
\$160,000 have been expended on this work
during the year, and 4,000 installations
have been converted. It has not always
been possible to make the change without
inconvenience to our constituents; and, I
take this opportunity of thanking them for
their forbearance and assistance in carry-
ing out a work which abounds with
difficulties.The Company's Duddell Street Cable
Store was destroyed by fire in July, and
although the loss was covered by insurance,
we suffered considerable inconvenience for
a time in our cable-laying operations.We have completed a new workshop at
North Point, and at the end of February
the Duddell Street, Queen's Road and
Wanchai workshops and stores were closed
down, and removed to the new building.
We have entered into an arrangement
with the Hongkong Tramway Company,
under which this Company supplies the
energy for operating their tramway sys-
tem. The necessary converting machinery
for this work was installed during the
year, and put into operation in June. An
agreement has also been made with the
China Sugar Refining Company for the
operation of certain electrical generating
machinery to be installed in conjunction
with their new steam raising plant, and
for the purchase from the Refinery of the
surplus electrical energy produced.

HOUSING THE COMPANY'S EMPLOYEES.

Since the end of the year we have sold the
Wanchai property and plant, and it is pro-
posed to get aside the profits on the sale for
the purpose of providing housing accommo-
dation for our staff. Your Director have
given much serious thought to this question
of the housing of employees, but there is
great difficulty in acquiring suitable sites
at a price which renders building econo-
mically possible for undertakings similar
to ours. We have, however, purchased
during the year a site at North Point for
artisan quarters, and plans for the first
block are now in preparation.
The financial year at present closes at
the end of February, and as we find this
for many reasons inconvenient, I propose,
with your approval, to alter the date to
December 31st.The next financial report will cover a
period of ten months, and subsequent re-
ports of 12 months as usual.Before moving the adoption of the re-
port and accounts, I shall be glad to answer
to the best of my ability any questions
you may desire to ask.

THE COMPANY'S SOUND POLICY.

Mr. D. V. Stevenson, in seconding the
adoption of the report and accounts, said:
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I have
much pleasure in seconding the adoption
of the report and accounts as presented,
and in doing so I should like to congratu-
late our Manager and his staff, and also
the Company's agents, for the very ex-
cellent result of the year's working as
disclosed by the balance sheet; notwith-
standing the strike and labour difficulties
that the Company has had to face during
the year under review.The placing of three lakhs to Reserve
Account, I feel sure, will commend itself
to all shareholders, as it is in continuity of
a policy which this Company has pursued
steadily for years, and which is both
cautious and prudent and tends to give
confidence to those who are looking
for a sound investment for their money.I am glad to learn that there was an
increase of 2,000 new consumers connected
to the Company's mains during last year,
and in view of the very considerable in-
crease in building that is going on the
Island I think we can reasonably expect
a still further increase in customers in this
near future.The purchase of further machinery for
our North Point Plant to increase its
capacity to 18,000 kilowatts, and the
arrangement come to with the China
Sugar Refining Company for the purchase
of surplus energy, should place the Com-
pany in a position to meet all demands for
current that are likely to be made on it.That the change over of the Company's
voltage system from 100 volts to 200
volts involves considerable difficulties one
can readily understand, and I am sure
that both the Company and their custom-
ers will be thankful when this has been
completed.The proposal to utilize the profit in the
sale of the Wanchai property and plant to
provide housing accommodation for the
Company's staff at North Point is a sound
one, and it would prove a great economic
advantage to the Company.
As to the alteration in the Company's
financial year this is a matter of book-
keeping to which I can see no objection.
With these few remarks I beg, Sir, to
second the adoption of the report and
accounts as presented. (Applause.)

The motion was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. T. E. PEARCE,
seconded by Mr. G. MURRAY, the appoint-
ments as Directors of Sir Robert Ho
Tung and Mr. T. G. Weall, were con-
firmed, and Messrs A. O. Lang and
D. G. M. Bernard were re-elected Direc-
tors on the motion of Mr. V. Sorby,
seconded by Mr. T. N. CHAU.Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., was
re-elected auditor on the motion of Mr.
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VICTORIA ATHLETIC MEETING.

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ONE RECORD BROKEN.

The Victoria Athletic Meeting, on Saturday, held and organized under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club, on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club, was an unmitigated success. The weather was perfect, racing keen and the ground was packed with spectators. The high jump record of the Colony was broken during the afternoon. S. O. Shahabudin, an Indian, clearing 5 feet 6 inches. The old record was made by Pte. Amor in 1921, with a jump of 5 feet 4 inches.

The Football Ground presented a very festive appearance, with the grandstand gaily draped, and the flags of the different Clubs of the Colony fluttering round the course. The crowd, like the entrants, was extremely cosmopolitan comprising Europeans, Chinese, Indians, and Japanese. All took an intense interest in the sport, and great rivalry was shown.

The great race of the day, the Marathon Race, was won by—Chinese, with Englishmen in the second and third places, and an Indian fourth. The Indians were generally expected to have done better than they actually did, but the win of Leung Ying Luen, who was the only Chinese entered, was something of a surprise. The official course for this event was as follows:—

Start from Pukfulam Police Station, via Pukfulam Road to the Peak Tram Station, through Plunket Gap, down to Plantation Road up Plantation Road along Barker Road to Magazine Gap, down Magazine Gap Road, Bowen Road, along Bowen Road to Wong-Nai-Cheong Gap Road, down Wong-Nai-Cheong Road to the Hongkong Football Club's Ground, once round the circle finishing at tape in front of Stand.

There were nineteen starters, and they were:—Leung Ying Luen, Pte. C. Kirby, Pte. R. Todd, Pte. W. Dennis, Pte. Woodward, Havr Balla Rawat, L/Nk Akaram Sindhe, Amurik Singh, Pte. W. Carter, Barret, L/Nk Bheina Jadov, Sp. Kilyan Singh, Jaga Singh, Cpl. F. Whitehead, Pte. W. Webb, Pte. S. White, Gur. F. W. Knowles, L/Nk Dailut Rao Chaj, Sp. Margot Singh.

The start, being all uphill, was very ragged, but when the junction of Magazine Gap Road and Bowen Road was reached, Leung Ying Luen was leading, followed in order by Amurik Singh, Gur. F. W. Knowles, and Pte. Woodward. This would be about two miles from the starting point, but when the junction of Wong-Nai-Cheong Road and Bowen Road was reached the positions were altered. The Chinese still led, but Gur. Knowles came up to second place, followed by Pte. W. Carter. Leung Ying Luen reached the Football ground first and won easily in 57 minutes, followed by Pte. Carter, who covered the distance in 58 minutes. Gur. Knowles was third, and Havr. Balla fourth. The cup for the winter was presented by the Indian Recreation Club.

Among the most exciting events of the day from the point of view of the spectators were the tug-of-war competitions. In the event for teams of eight men, the Royal Garrison Artillery gained a very easy victory over the Victoria Recreation Club, pulling them over in two straight pulls. The Indian competitions were by far the most interesting. When No. 2 Co. H.K.S.G.A., comprised entirely of Sikhs, was matched against No. 1 Pack Battery, H.K.S.R.G.A., a team comprised entirely of Mohammedans, there were some long pulls and strong pulls with a vengeance. The Sikhs, after a long struggle, eventually managed to pull over their opponents by two straight pulls.

Another very interesting event was put on the spot. This was won by Mr. W. Gerrard, with a prodigious put of 45 ft. Mr. Gerrard has put the shot at a meeting every year for the past twenty-five years, and his wins are far in excess of his defeats. A good deal of excitement was occasioned by the three miles cycling race, handicap. The race was in anybody's hands all the way through, Chau Dip Wo finally coming in first.

During the meeting Major-General Sir John Fowler, accompanied by Miss Fowler arrived on the scene after an afternoon's riding, and viewed the events with evident interest. At the conclusion His Excellency the General distributed the prizes.

The General was introduced to the assembly by Mr. W. Logan, Chairman of the Victoria Recreation Club. At the same time Mr. Logan took the opportunity of thanking the many people who had helped to make the day the success it was. He mentioned in particular, Sergeant-Major Williams, Mr. Hall, Mr. May, Mr. Mitchell, Capt. Pilkington, and Capt. Newton-King. He also expressed the thanks of the committee to Mr. Taggart, of the Hongkong Hotel, for the loan of his car for the conveyance of the Marathon racers to the starting point.

Major-General Fowler congratulated the Victoria Recreation Club on the success of the meeting and remarked on the keenness of the day's sport. He especially congratulated Mr. Gerrard on his remarkable put of 45 yards in putting the shot. He thanked the V.R.C. for the way in which they had thrown open all their racing events to members of the Garrison, and assured them that the Garrison were duly grateful. (Cheers from the soldiers).

At the end of the prize-giving, the Secretary of the V.R.C., Mr. R. C. Wittell, called for cheers for the General, and also for the working committee. These were given with a will.

The day's officers were as follows:—

Chairman.—Mr. W. Logan.
Judges.—Col. Roberts, K.E.O., 2nd Grenadiers, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Lt.-Col. Beresford, Mr. J. W. Franks, Lt.-Col. Saunders, D.S.O., Dr. C. C. Wang, Mr. A. A. Alves, Mr. A. Silva Netto, Mr. A. McKirdy, Mr. R. H. B. Mitchell, Mr. D. K. Blair, Mr. A. H. Carroll.

Referee.—His Honour Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz.

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Stewards.—Captain Pilkington (King's Regt.), Mr. W. Brown, Capt. Nobby, Mr. V. G. Frey, Mr. E. T. Crocker, Dockyard Recreation Club, Mr. H. Hyndman, Mr. R. Maughan, Garrison Sports Club.

Hon. Treasurer.—Mr. A. E. Alves.

Hon. Secretary.—Mr. R. C. Wittell.

The results of the day were:—

Long Jump.—1, S. O. Shahabudin, distance: 19 ft. 3 ins.; 2, Yeh Teik Er.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, Lieut. Redding, 105.2-3 yards; 2, Gnr. Morris.

100 Yards Handicap, for boys from 6 to 10 years of age.—1, S. Haroon, 13.4-5 secs.; 2, D. Dillon.

High Jump.—1, S. O. Shahabudin, 5 ft. 6 ins.; 2, Leung Y. Choi.

One Mile Handicap.—1, A. Nair, 5 mins. 18.4-5 secs.; 2, Cheung Yau Koon.

One Mile Bicycle Championship.—1, G. A. Jack, 5 mins. 10 secs.; 2, Lam Wing Hin.

100 Yards Handicap, for girls aged from 6 to 10.—1, Lily Chue; 2, Alice Chue.

440 Yards Handicap, for boys aged 10 to 15.—1, G. Chue; 2, W. Abbas.

150 Yards Flat Race Handicap.—1, Capt. Hayes-Newington, 12 secs.; 2, D. D. Urquhart.

Tug-of-War, for Indian Regiments, Catch Weights, No. 2 Co. R.G.A. (Sikhs), beat No. 1 Pack Battery, H.K.S.R.G.A. (Mohammedans).

100 Yards Championship (Challenge Cup).—1, D. D. Urquhart, 10.2-5 secs.; 2, A. Rahma.

Half Mile Handicap.—1, Bombadier E. Smith, 5 mins. 9.4-5 secs.; 2, Corporal Dobbin.

440 Yards Challenge Cup.—1, G. A. Hyder, 5.4-5 secs.; 2, Lee-Corpl. Banks.

Two Miles Bicycle Race Handicap.—1, Chan Dip Wo, 5 mins. 22.3-5 secs.; 2, C. M. Xavier.

100 Yards Handicap for girls aged 10 to 15 years.—1, I. Williams; 2, R. Chue.

220 Yards, open to sailors and soldiers in uniform not competing in the Athletic Sports.—1, Lee-Bomdr. Chant, 22.2-5 secs.; 2, Sergt. Hollands.

Tug-of-War for teams of eight men each.—R.G.A. beat the V.R.C.

Marathon Race.—1, Leung Ying Luen, 57 mins.; 2, Pte. Carter, 58 mins.; 3, Gur. Knowles, 58 mins.; 4th, Havr. Balla Rawat, 58 mins.

320 Yards Handicap.—1, Sergt. Baker, 23.4-5 secs.; 2, Capt. Hayes-Newington.

Committee Race, 100 Yards Handicap.—1, B. S. M. Williams; 2, J. Russell.

100 Yards Race, open to members of the Victoria Recreation Club; 1, D. D. Urquhart, 10.4-5 secs.; 2, J. A. Kent.

One Mile Bicycle Race, for Ladies, Handicap.—1, Miss A. Stephens, 4 mins. 55 secs.; 2, Miss E. Rasmussen.

One Mile, open to Indian Regiments and Indian Police.—1, Lal Khan, 5 mins. 9.2-5 secs.; 2, Siraj Singh; 3, Sepoy Uda Rawat.

220 Yards Handicap, for members of the Victoria Recreation Club.—1, J. A. Kent, 25.3-5 secs.; 2, S. Haroon.

100 Yards Sack Race.—1, A. Kitchell; 2, A. Radack.

Kicking the Football.—1, W. Gerrard, 156 yards.

Three Miles Bicycle Race Handicap.—1, Chan Dip Wo, 10 mins. 1.2-5 secs.; 2, Lam Wing Hin.

One Mile Relay Race, 4 men a side.—1, V.R.C.; 2, No. 3 Co. R.G.A. "B" team.

120 Yards Hurdle Race.—1, S. O. Shahabudin; 2, Lam Yuk Ying.

One Mile Flat Race for the E.A.S.M.A. Challenge Cup.—1, Sal Khan, 5 mins. 12.3-5 secs.; 2, A. Nair.

Tug-of-War for Indian Regiments and Indian Police (6 men a side, limited to 84 stone).—No. 3 Co. H.K.S.R.G.A. (Sikhs) beat No. 1 Co. H.K.S.R.G.A. (Mohammedans).

The sports were followed in the evening by an enjoyable dance at the V.R.C.

THE UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

MORE RECORDS BROKEN.

Three Hongkong University sports records went by the board on Saturday afternoon at the annual athletic meeting of the Hongkong University held on the University Cricket ground at Pokfulam. Shahabudin, the champion of the meeting, beat the previous best record for the high jump by half an inch. The previous best was 5 feet 3 inches. He also set up a new record for the Hurdles Race, beating the previous best time of 17 2/5 seconds by a fifth of a second. The other new record was created by T. W. Cheong in the pole jump, jumping 8 feet 9 inches, which is nearly 4 inches better than the previous best. Shahabudin, in addition to competing in many races at the University Sports and thereby gaining for himself the title of champion of the meeting by 19 points, also competed in several open events at the Victoria Recreation Sports and he broke the V.R.C. high jump record also. The runner up for individual championship at the University Sports was J. S. Guzzard, who secured 14 points, T. E. Yeh coming third with 12 points.

The hostel championship was easily won by Lugard Hall with 64 points. Eliot Hall coming second with 20 points and Morrison Hall third with 15. In addition the inter-hostel basketball league shield and football cup were both won by Lugard Hall.

The trophies presented at the end of the meeting included also the Hongkong first League cricket shield which was won this year by the University. The shield was decorated with the University's colours and was handed to the vice-captain of the side by Lady Stubbs amidst much applause. Ballhatchett, who heads the bowling average for the first league was the recipient of a special prize presented to him by the Captain of the side (Mr. A. A. Rumjahn). The souvenir took the form of a cricket ball mounted on a silver tripod.

The second eleven, which finished in the league as runners-up, were also to have been the recipients of medals specially presented by Sir Robert Ho Tung, but as these were not ready for presentation they are to be handed out later.

The Sports were largely attended and amongst those present were:—The Chief Justice (Sir William R. Davies), Sir William Brunsyde, the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E.), the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.B.E.), the Colonial Treasurer (the Hon. Mr. Mc Messer), the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen and others. During the course of the afternoon His Excellency the Governor and Lady Stubbs arrived at the sports, and later Lady Stubbs distributed the prizes.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

Professor F. A. Redmond (Chairman of The Association) in asking Lady Stubbs to present the prizes, commented upon the favourable weather conditions for the Sports, and for this he thanked the Clerk of the Weather for his kindness and the Water Authority of Hongkong for their concession. The only drawback to their sports was that they had clashed with the Victoria Recreation Club Sports, also being held that afternoon. The University was to have held its sports on the previous Saturday, but owing to the Scouts' jamboree they were deferred until that afternoon. Their virtue had been rewarded for, on the previous Saturday, it had poured very hard.

Referring to the sports, Professor Redmond said they had been compelled to alter their programme during the afternoon as two of the students wished to compete in the V.U.C. Sports. One of these competitors had to defend his title as Colony Champion and from what he had heard, he had been successful in two of the events and he hoped that he would come back with the third.—(Applause). Regarding their own sports, three new records had been made that afternoon: the pole jump, the high jump and the hurdles race.—(Applause).

As Chairman of the Association, on an occasion such as the present, his duty was chiefly to return thanks and he would like to thank His Excellency the Governor for the honour he had done them by being patron of the meeting, and Lady Stubbs for coming to present the prizes, and to the ladies and gentlemen who had honoured them with their presence. He would also like to thank all those who had given prizes and contributed to the prize fund, thereby helping to make the meeting a success. The members of the various committees were also deserving of thanks. He would particularly like to mention one or two names. Mr. Dowbiggin, as Judge, had worked very hard, and he thanked the other two Judges (Lt.-Col. Roberts, D.S.O., and the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave) also. Mr. A. E. Dome had, once again, given of his valuable services and he did not know what they would have done without him. He took the opportunity of wishing him "good luck" with his team which he was taking to compete in the Eastern Olympiad Sports at the end of the next week. Mr. Gittins had also given very valuable assistance, and, last but not least, he wished to mention their very hard working secretary (Mr. A. A. Rumjahn). Not only had he been very useful to the sports committee but a great deal of the honour was due to him in that the University had won the first league shield of the Hongkong Cricket League. He thought it was also due to his good generalship that their second eleven had finished as runners up in the second league, and they all hoped the second eleven would win this next year.

Lady Stubbs then distributed the prizes and at the conclusion her Ladyship was the recipient of a bouquet of flowers in a silver holder.

Sir William Brunsyde, in calling for three cheers for His Excellency and Lady Stubbs, mentioned that it was the first occasion that Lady Stubbs had attended their Sports to present the prizes and he hoped it would not be the last.

The cheers were heartily given and His Excellency in returning thanks, said Lady Stubbs wished him to thank them for the cordial reception accorded to her and for their kindness in asking her to give away the prizes which had afforded her great pleasure. He was very sorry that owing to the pressure of engagements, they were prevented from getting to the ground in time to see more of the sports. His Excellency was very pleased to hear that three more of the University records had been broken and he hoped that the next time his wife came down there more records would go by the board. His Excellency added that Lady Stubbs had asked him to say a few words of congratulation to the University Cricket team for winning the first league shield. He understood that the team had made 22 points out of a possible 24 which meant that they did not lose a single match and only drew one, which was a specially creditable performance in view of the good form of the Civil Service Cricket team and the Gunners. The University had shown unusually good form this season. He would like to see the second eleven win the second League next year. It was the first time that the first eleven had won the shield and he hoped it would not be the last. His Excellency was sure that there was very little reason why they should do it again next year. The fact that the second eleven had done so well in the junior league showed that the rising generation was almost as good as the present one.—(Hear, hear). His Excellency concluded that it had given them great pleasure to have been with them.—(Applause).

Further cheers for His Excellency and Lady Stubbs brought the proceedings to a close.

The results of the various events are appended:—

Kicking the Football.—1, S. O. Shahabudin; 2, H. N. Ballhatchett. Distance: 163 feet 8 inches.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, S. O. Shahabudin; 2, H. N. Ballhatchett.

100 Yards Flat Race.—1, J. S. Guzzard; 2, T. E. Yeh. Time: 10.1 secs.

Putting the Shot (16 lbs).—1, H. Y. Leong; 2, S. O. Shahabudin. Distance: 37 feet 4 inches.

320 Yards Flat Race.—1, T. E. Yeh; 2, J. S. Guzzard. Time: 26.1 secs.

High Jump.—1, S. O. Shahabudin; 2, T. W. Cheong. Height: 5 feet 4 1/2 inches. (Best previous record for the Hongkong University 5 feet 3 inches).

Half Mile Flat Race.—1, I. Tajima; 2, S. C. Ting. Time: 2 mins. 19.5 secs.

Pole Jump.—1, T. W. Cheong; 2, H. Y. Leong. Height: 8 feet 9 inches. (Best previous record for the Hongkong University 8 feet 6 inches).

Old Students' Race.—(220 yards Handicap).—1, Wong Tin-sik; 2, Dr. Samy. Time: 28 seconds.

440 Yards Flat Race.—1, J. S. Guzzard; 2, S. C. Ting; 3, P. T. Khoo. Time: 25.5 secs.

Long Jump.—1, S. O. Shahabudin; 2, T. E. Yeh. Distance: 19 feet 6 inches.

Egg and Spoon Race (for Ladies).—1, Miss Jean Ho Tung; 2, Mrs. Luing.

One Mile Flat Race.—1, I. Tajima; 2, C. A. Peterson; 3, B. T. Khoo. Time: 5 mins. 31 secs.

Hurdles Race (120 yards).—1, S. O. Shahabudin; 2, S. A. M. Sepher. Time: 17 1/2 secs. (Best previous records: 17 1/2 secs.).

Tug-o-War.—Lugard Hall beat Eliot Hall by two straight pulls.

Relay Race (half mile).—1, Lugard Hall. Time: 2 mins. 46 3/5ths seconds.

The officials for the meeting were:—Patron.—H.E. The Governor.

Chairman.—Prof. F. A. Redmond.

Judges.—Lt.-Col. W. B. Roberts, D.S.O., Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.B.E., and the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

Referee.—Mr. A. E. Dome.

Time-keepers.—Prof. J. L. Shellshear, Prof. W. Brown and the Rev. E. K. Quick.

Stewards.—Prof. H. G. Earle, Prof. C. A. Wang, Mr. Barney, Dr. D. K. Samy, Messrs. Edward Ho Tung, M. Yue, H. M. Soo, Y. C. Teh and T. S. Khoo.

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GOLF.

A HOLE IN ONE.

A hole in one was done at Kiangwan on the 14th inst. The hole in question was the 6th—one of the short ones about 150 yards in length. The player to accomplish this feat was Mr. E. G. Barrett, and it was done while playing a four ball game with Messrs. W. Beatty, H. B. Woodford and E. A. Mills. The customary line of a bottle of whisky was duly imposed.

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INTERPORT CRICKET.

SELECTIONS TO PLAY AGAINST SHANGHAI.

Arrangements are well in hand for the forthcoming interport cricket match between Hongkong and Shanghai which is to be played at Shanghai on May 17th, 18th and 19th, and the Hongkong Interport Committee have already definitely selected ten of their players. Hongkong proposes to take up twelve players to Shanghai, and the Committee hope to fill up the two remaining vacancies shortly. The list of the ten players already selected are as follows:—

- T. E. Pearce (capt.), Hongkong Cricket Club.
- G. H. Sayer, Civil Service Cricket Club.
- L. J. Davies, Hongkong Cricket Club.
- Rev. E. K. Quick, University.
- A. A. Runjahn, University.
- H. Owen-Hughes, Hongkong Cricket Club.
- A. E. Wood, Civil Service Cricket Club.
- I. M. Omar, Craighower.
- R. H. Wild, Hongkong Cricket Club.
- F. N. Young, Hongkong Cricket Club.
- Capt. Spinks (Kowloon Cricket Club).
- F. Baker (Civil Service Cricket Club).
- and E. J. R. Mitchell (Hongkong Cricket Club) were also invited, but they are unable to make the journey.

There are many changes in the side that is to visit Shanghai as compared with that which played Shanghai in Hongkong last November. No fewer than seven names, which appeared in the November list, are missing from the present list. This is mainly due to departures from the Colony. The following who played last November have either left the Colony permanently or are at home on leave: Capt. Olliver, Capt. Havelock Davies, C. J. Stapleton, B. D. Evans, H. R. B. Hancock and E. B. Reed.

The seventh player is R. E. A. Webster, who is apparently unable to play owing to a damaged ankle. Webster in the last Interport match gave a very good account of himself, making 35 and 31 respectively in the first and second innings. He also in the first innings took two wickets for four runs. Other players who did well in the last interport match and who are not playing in the forthcoming match are Hancock, who made 45 not out in the first innings, and Capt. Havelock Davies who compiled 30 in the second innings. Capt. Davies was also our star bowler and one who will be hard to replace.

On the whole the side should give a good account of itself and with the inclusion of A. A. Runjahn and H. Owen-Hughes, who have done well with the bat this season, they should be able to make a stand against the Shanghai bowlers. But, judging from the list, the Committee have found difficulties in selecting good bowlers. It is to be regretted that Baker (Civil Service Cricket Club) cannot accompany the team to Shanghai. His services, judging from his averages this year, would have been very useful. Young and Omar are to give a hand with the bowling and their services should be useful. But there is still room for good bowlers and apparently the Selection Committee intend to fill up the outstanding vacancies by the inclusion of two more bowlers if they can be found. Their ultimate selection will be awaited with interest.

The Hongkong side leaves for Shanghai on May 10th by the *p.s. President Grant*.

We understand that it has been decided to play no further interport trial matches, but that the side is to practice at the nets.

SENSATIONAL SHOOTING AFFAIR AT YAUMATI.

SHOTS EXCHANGED IN NATHAN ROAD.

A sensational shooting affair took place in broad daylight in Nathan Road, Yaumati on Saturday. The shooting is said to have some political significance. Fortunately the assassin's bullets went wide and one of the two men shot at is but slightly injured in the side.

Shortly after 3 o'clock in the afternoon two Chinese left their house close to Nathan Road and were walking along Nathan Road past the Yaumati school when a man, standing at the side of the road, from a revolver fired two shots at them. One of the shots grazed the side of one of the intended victims while the other passed through the other man's jacket in the neighbourhood of the shoulder, without as much as breaking the skin. One of the two men was armed, and he whipped out his revolver and fired two shots after the would be assassin. These apparently did not take effect, for the man fled down one of the side streets, scattering the crowd as he ran, and disappeared.

The shooting caused much excitement in the district and it is said that the road was cleared of pedestrians in remarkably quick time. The Yaumati police are making investigations, but up to yesterday afternoon no arrests had been made.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

SUCCESSFUL ATHLETIC MEETING AT THE RACE COURSE.

St. Joseph's College annual athletic sports were held at the race course on Saturday, and proved a great success. There was a large gathering of pupils, both past and present, and their friends and relatives. The weather was ideal for the purpose, and the sports were good. The grand stand was very pleasingly decorated for the occasion, and a most enjoyable day was spent by all present. A challenge cup was presented to the school by employees of the Telegraph Company, to be competed for as a championship cup for the quarter mile race. This event was won by Y. Hachuma, who also proved himself the best athlete in the College by gaining thirteen points out of a possible fifteen during the meeting, the highest reached.

At the conclusion of the races, the prizes were presented to the winners by Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, who congratulated them on the success of the day, and the excellent standard of efficiency reached.

Brother Amer expressed the thanks of the College to Mr. Ralphs for being with them that afternoon.

The general committee which carried out all the very excellent arrangements was as follows:—

- Rev. Bro. Director, President.
- Chevalier Francisco Tse Yat, Rev. Brothers of St. Joseph's College, and the Committee of the St. Joseph's College Association (ex-officio): Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. F. E. Carvalho, Mr. D. Dixon, Mr. M. Fernandez, Mr. J. P. Xavier, Mr. J. M. Noronha, Mr. J. C. V. Ribeiro, Mr. V. E. F. Ribeiro, Mr. J. M. Rocha.

Among the prizes presented was a gold medal given by the College to an old pupil, Mr. A. Rahmin, who, at the Club Luciano Sports on Easter Monday, won the 220 yards flat race championship of the Colony. The medal was given him to commemorate the event.

The results were as follows:—
Long Jump (Junior).—1. Y. Hachuma; 2. Teak Sing. Distance: 16 feet 9 inches.
Long Jump (Senior).—1. P. Ng Yao; 2. N. Oggerie. Distance: 18 feet.

100 Yards Flat Race (Junior).—1. Y. Hachuma; 2. J. Cassumbhoy.
120 Yards Flat Race (Senior).—1. J. Muller; 2. P. Ng Yao.

50 Yards Small Boys' Race (Boys 10 years of age and under).—1. G. Sequenza; 2. J. Ozorio; 3. J. Sequeira.
40 Yards Flat Race (Junior).—1. J. Cassumbhoy; 2. Y. Hachuma. Time: 58secs.

100 Yards Flat Race (Boys 10 years of age and under).—1. E. Gosano; 2. E. Abbas.
410 Yards Flat Race (Senior) Challenge Cup.—1. A. Carvalho; 2. K. M. Omar. Time: 55.1-5secs.

100 Yards Small Boys' Race (Boys 10 years of age and under).—1. C. Victor; 2. J. Silva.
High Jump (Junior).—1. J. Hachuma; 2. J. Cassumbhoy. Height: 4 feet 10 inches.

High Jump (Senior).—1. N. Oggerie; 2. J. B. Larring. Height: 5 feet 3 1/2 inches.
120 Yards Flat Race (Open to St. Louis International School).—1. 1. Ngai Kow; 2. Chan Yauk Cheun.

220 Yards Flat Race (Junior).—1. J. Hachuma; 2. J. Cassumbhoy.
220 Yards Flat Race (Senior), Challenge Cup, presented by St. Joseph's College Association).—1. A. Carvalho; 2. M. Gutzo. Time: 5secs.

120 Yards Flat Race (Open to members of St. Joseph's College Association).—1. L. Marques; 2. E. Franco.
120 Yards Flat Race (Open to members of St. Joseph's College Association).—1. L. Marques; 2. E. Franco.

Team Race, 200 Yards (Open to teams of four from any School).—As only one team entered, this race was not run.
Sack Race, 50 Yards (Senior and Junior).—1. Fung Kee; 2. A. Ward.

100 Yards Flat Race (Open to the Italian Convent).—1. C. Barros; 2. C. Silva.
220 Yards Flat Race (Open to all Boy Scouts in Hongkong).—1. T. Tamid; 2. F. Samy.

Half Mile Flat Race (Seniors).—1. Wing Hung; 2. H. Ribeiro; 3. A. May. Time: 2mins. 52secs.
Half Mile Flat Race (Junior).—1. Teak Sing; 2. L. Silva; 3. V. Schaefer. Time: 2mins. 2secs.

Old Boys' Race, 400 Yards.—1. B. Assumpcao; 2. A. R. Azar. Time: 58secs.
One Mile Bicycle Race.—1. A. Remedios; 2. C. Figueiredo.

Relay Race, One Mile (Teams of 4). Seniors v. "The Rest".—1. Seniors.
100 Yards Flat Race (Open to St. Mary's School, Kowloon).—1. H. Sousa; 2. F. Wong.

100 Yards Flat Race (Open to St. Francis School).—1. S. Keda; 2. H. Omar.
Three-Legged Race, 100 Yards (Senior and Junior).—1. C. Figueiredo and R. Santos; 2. Fung Kee and Danenberg.

100 Yards Flat Race (Open to the French Convent).—1. B. Hardwick; 2. G. Johnstone.
100 Yards Flat Race (Open to St. Joseph's Branch School, Kowloon).—1. J. Luz; 2. R. Campos.

120 Yards Consolation Race (Junior).—1. F. Barretto; 2. C. Remedios.
120 Yards Consolation Race (Senior).—1. T. Yow Ai; 2. C. Barretto.

Tug-of-War (Seniors v. "The Rest").—1. Seniors.
A Pick-up Tug-of-War for visitors was also arranged.

FIGHTING CONTINUES IN KWANGTUNG.

CANTONESE ADVANCE UP THE WEST RIVER.

The latest news from Canton is that the Kwangsi force is retreating Northward along the Canton-Hankow railway.

The Cantonese force said to number 7,000, from Kungmoon, assisted by the river flotilla, occupied Lapan on North River on the 20th inst. This, it is said, prevents a possible advance of Kwangsi troops from the North.

A wireless message from Sunshui reports that Cantonese troops have recaptured from the Kwangsi force the towns of Pusi and Wing On, situated about 15 miles from Sunshui, and were attacking Kwong Lee, which is about 20 miles from Sunshui and 25 from Shuihing. It is added that Cantonese gunboats from Kungmoon patrolling the West River did great damage to the Kwangsi forces, assisting the Cantonese land forces to capture Pusi and Wing On.

The *Canton Daily News* says that "due to some foresight on the part of Radio Administration at Canton, both the wireless stations at Wuchow and Shuihing were put of commission by order of Director Fung Wai at Canton three days before the outbreak of the rebellious Kwangsi forces, thus cutting off direct communications of Shen Hung Ying's forces between Wuchow, Shuihing, and Shinkwan, delaying their joint military operations against Canton."

THE WEST RIVER TRAFFIC.

Owing to the trouble up the West River, all the river boats flying the Chinese flag have had to stop running. On Wednesday night a number of steamers had to turn back when they had gone only half the distance to Wuchow.

REVENGING OUTRAGES ON WOMEN AND GIRLS.

Our Canton contemporary says:—"The village guards of Kungmoon and Kungtung assisted effectively on April 20th the allied Canton-Yunnanese in driving the Kwangsi forces northward from Sunshui, more than 1,000 volunteers participating in the attack."

The Kungmoon Hospital, of the New Zealand Presbyterian Mission, had an unpleasant experience yesterday when it was surrounded by the village volunteers, demanding for the delivery of the Kwangsi Commander, Shen Yung Kuang, whom the villagers were unable to get Shen but succeeded in taking out five Kwangsi-ites.

The villagers were greatly excited over the outrages committed by the Kwangsi-ites on their women and girls and the looting of their mart in Kaotung. As the Kwangsi-ites had no means of knowing how many villagers would join the regular forces against them, they thought it wise to retreat without much hard fighting. On their retreat from Kaotung, the Kwangsi-ites caused some damage to the track in Kungchuen, but the railroad authorities believe that it will be repaired in a day or two.

As far as Yenchui the Kwangsi-ites retreated on Friday. Between Kungchuen and Kwantun along the Canton-Hankow railroad (Kwangtung section), no Kwangsi-ites may now be found, they having all retreated northward.

POLICE PREVENT A PIRACY.

ABERDEEN FERRY TO HAVE BEEN ATTACKED.

An interesting story attaches to the all-night vigil of a police launch outside Aberdeen Harbour on Saturday night. The launch was there till late in the morning of the next day, Sunday. Her presence was for the purpose of preventing the piracy of one of the steam ferry launches which run between Aberdeen and Hongkong late at night, and in the early hours of the morning. Information had been received at the Central Station earlier in the evening that an attack was to be made on one of the launches, and two wealthy fish merchants were to be carried off and held for ransom. With the object of preventing the plot from maturing, the launch was despatched. These responsible for sending her out omitted to do one thing, however,—and that was to inform Inspector MacWalters, of the Aberdeen Police Station, that the launch was outside. Had they done so, a good deal of trouble would have been spared the unfortunate policemen on board the launch.

It so happened that the same day Inspector MacWalters had received information to the effect that a junk in the Harbour contained a number of opium smugglers. At about nine o'clock that night he went out to the junk indicated, and found six men aboard her. He searched them, but failed to find any opium. What he did find was that each man possessed a very serviceable-looking revolver, and ammunition to match. He arrested them, and locked them up in the police cells at Aberdeen for the night. As the Inspector had no information of any attempt at piracy, and as he was unaware that the launch was outside, he failed to connect the two events up, and did not inform the Central Station of his captures. He took the six men in to the Central Station next day, and when the two sections of police compared notes, there seemed a reasonable supposition that the six were connected with the plot to pirate the ferry. There were undoubtedly a much larger number in the conspiracy, and more arrests are expected to be made.

There are three launches which ferry between Hongkong and Aberdeen, but they are only out on in the early hours of the morning and late at night. Their chief trade is that of carrying fish to Victoria, but they also carry a large number of passengers. Two wealthy fish merchants were expected to be travelling by one of the boats that night, and it was the intention of the pirates to kidnap them, and then demand a heavy ransom for their release.

The police launch, which spent such a fruitless night containing a large number of both European and Chinese police, and a number of inspectors, all of whom were in charge of Mr. Wodehouse, the Deputy Superintendent.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A CONTRADICTION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—We are surprised to learn that you have published a report in your paper on the 21st instant concerning closing down of the Wing On's Yangtzeppoo Factories in Shanghai.

We would like to inform you that we have received a telegram from the said factory stating that this is not a strike from the employees and the real course of this incident is the discharge of the eight foremen who were not behaving themselves according to the Company's law. As present new foremen have been engaged. The factory will resume work on 23rd instant.—Yours faithfully,

THE WING ON CO., LTD.
D. JACKMAN, Sub-Manager.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1923.
[This letter had reference to the following cable from Shanghai, received through Reuters' Agency:—Two thousand employees at Wing On's Yangtzeppoo factories struck work owing to a dispute between the local and Cantonese foremen.—(Ed.)]

EUROPEAN RESERVATION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Your correspondent "Reservation," does well in calling public attention to "Ord. 1 of 1903 as amended up to 31st December, 1912," but it seems from your remarks that Sec. 292 of this Ordinance nullifies the whole thing, and it is difficult to see why such an absurdly framed Ordinance is allowed to stand.

However, it is plain that the intention was to have a reservation for Europeans, as the title can only mean that all the area defined in said Ordinance was to be reserved for Europeans, and it is time that the Government put the matter beyond doubt by either amending this Ordinance, or having another one properly framed.

The principal reason Hongkong was founded was that Europeans would have dwellings where they could not be crowded out by natives, and there is only one way to secure this.

As "Tenement Dweller," in his very sensible letter of 23rd March, very truly says, "I consider that the most important step, and one which should form the basis of any scheme to overcome the high rents and housing problem, is the reservation policy; and I cannot imagine any success coming from public meetings in the City Hall, where this most important basis is left out, or any scheme where it is not forming a part."

I recommend the above to the consideration of the Housing Commission (who are asking for suggestions from the public) as one that would solve the whole problem.—Yours etc.,

COLONIST.

Hongkong, 23rd April 1923.

HONGKONG FERRY SERVICES.

NEW REGULATIONS.

In the current issue of the *Government Gazette* new Regulations made by the Governor-in-Council under the Ferries Ordinance are published. It is now provided that no ferry vessel shall be placed on the service until it has been approved by the Harbour Master, and after such approval no alteration shall, without the permission of the Harbour Master, be made in any such ferry vessel while it is employed on the service.

It is laid down that fares on and after 1st January, 1924, shall be:—
Between Victoria and any pier on the Kowloon side:—1st class, 10 cents.

2nd class (where third class accommodation is also provided), 5 cents.
2nd class (where no third class accommodation is provided) and 3rd class, 3 cents.

Tenders are being invited for the exclusive maintenance of ferry services between Yaumati, Mong Kok Tsui and Sham Shui Po, on the north, and that part of the coast line of the island of Hongkong which lies between Blake Pier and Belchers Point, on the South. The term of the licence will be two years to commence on the 1st January, 1924, renewable for a further year at the option of the Government.

The licensee will be required to provide not less than twelve ferry vessels, of which two shall be ferry vessels in reserve. Each is to be fitted with a bridge deck, one complete deck, a navigation bridge, water-tight bulkheads and a grille, approved by the Harbour Master, separating first-class accommodation from the rest of the vessel. Six of these vessels are to be for the Yaumati service, each capable of carrying approximately 400 persons. They are to be 100ft. long between perpendiculars, 20ft. in breadth and to have a speed of 9 knots.

The three vessels for the Mong Kok Tsui service and the three for the Sham Shui Po service, are each to be capable of carrying approximately 225 persons, and to be 90ft. in length, 14ft. in breadth, and to have a speed of 9 knots, but it is mentioned in the official notification that the number, dimensions and speed of the vessels are not necessarily to be adhered to in making out tenders which may contain a list of suitable ferry vessels of different number, dimensions and speed.



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TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

WEATHER permitting, the following matches will be played in the Standard Court THIS WEEK. Play to commence at 4.30 P.M. Each day.

MONDAY, 23RD APRIL—Challenge Round Open Championship Singles.

TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL—Mixed Doubles—Semi-Final.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL—Challenge Round Open Championship Doubles.

THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL—Handicap Doubles—Final.

FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL—Mixed Doubles—Final.

Immediately after the match on Friday the prizes will be presented by Miss GRACE. Admission 1/- for Members and Non-members in Challenge Round Events on Monday and Wednesday. Members may reserve seats at H.K.C.C. Pavilion. Admission to Handicap Events on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—Members, 20 cts.; and Non-members, 50 cts.

MEMBERS MUST SHOW THEIR BADGES ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY.

By order,
E. J. R. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG HIDE & LEATHER CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, STEPHEN'S BUILDING, 67 and 69, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 30th day of APRIL, 1923, when the proposed Resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions, namely:

A.—That 51,656 of the existing Unissued Shares of 10/- be divided into 129,140 Shares of 4/- each.

B.—That the Capital of the Company be divided into two classes of Shares namely 48,344 Ordinary "A" Shares of 10/- each and 129,140 Ordinary "B" Shares of 4/- each and that the provisions following in regard thereto have effect, that is to say:

(1) The Ordinary "A" Shares aforesaid shall be those Shares which are numbered 1 to 48,343 inclusive and one additional 10/- Share which if and when issued shall be numbered 48,344.

(2) The Ordinary "B" Shares aforesaid shall be those Unissued Shares of 4/- each which will when issued be numbered 48,345 to 177,485 inclusive.

(3) The said Ordinary "B" Shares shall from the date of issue fully paid rank equally with the said Ordinary "A" Shares as regards dividend transmissibility conference of rights to vote and distribution of assets in the event of winding up.

(4) If the Company shall be wound up the surplus assets shall be distributed as nearly as may be among the members in proportion to the number of shares held by them at the commencement of the winding up. But this clause is to be without prejudice to the rights of the holders of shares issued upon special terms and conditions.

C.—That the Articles of Association be amended by the deletion of clauses 107 and 120 thereof.

Should the Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation to Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board,
A. PEPPERELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1923. [751]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "SICILIA."

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FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO, STRAITS, AND HAIPHONG.

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This vessel brings on Cargo from Persian Gulf or B.I.S.N. and B. & P.S.N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary 6 hours before arrival of the steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M. on Mondays and Thursdays.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1923. [750]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company, constituted by Trust Deed dated the 30th day of May, 1914, and registered in the Land Office by Memorial No. 55358 and made between the said Company of the one part and The Honourable Mr. DAVID LANDALE and Newton John Stann (now Sir Newton John Stann, Kt.) as Trustees of the other part supplemented by an Instrument of Assignment made between the same parties and dated the 1st day of November, 1918, and registered in the Land Office by Memorial No. 61189 (both of which are hereinafter included in the expression "the said Debiture Trust Deed") will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of MAY, 1923, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing an Extraordinary Resolution or Extraordinary Resolutions Resolution or Resolutions for the purpose of modifying or for safe guarding the interests of the Debiture Holders.

This Notice is issued pursuant to the provisions contained in the Third Schedule to the Debiture Trust Deed.

Dated this 20th day of April, 1923.
By Order of the Board,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary to the General Managers.

NOTICE

M. F. KRAEMER has been authorised to sign our Firm Per Procuration as from THIS DAY on.

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Canton, 17th April, 1923.

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SALE OF H.M.S. "MERLIN."

TENDERS are invited up to the 30th MAY, 1923, for the Purchase of the above named Vessel WITH ENGINES & BOILERS AND VARIOUS AUXILIARY MACHINERY ON BOARD.

Full particulars of the Vessel and Conditions of Sale and Permits to view may be obtained on application to the Undersigned, and Tender Forms will be issued on payment of a deposit of \$300, returnable when decision on the tenders has been reached.

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Engine air compressing for boiler tube sweeping ... 1 No.
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Chain Cable 1 1/2"—312 fathoms, Anchors, 25 cwt. each, 3 No., Boat Davits 14 No., Cat Davits 2 No. and small davit, Metal Combing for upper deck aft. Galley for 125-145 Men by Mowood, Accommodation Ladder, Metal pumps 5 No. and one small iron Force pump, A large quantity of valuable METAL Fittings such as Fairleads, Mushroom Top Ventilators, Hand and Guard Rail sockets, deck plates, illuminators, guards and Blancheons to Skylights, clips, link plates, fuses, voice pipes, dolphins to hand steering gear and fittings to bridge. Also a considerable quantity of spare boiler gear comprising tubes, junction boxes, tube joints, check nuts, mud drums, doors elbows, &c., in a New condition, which are stored in the Dockyard.

Tenders will be received in the Office of the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard, Hongkong, up to Noon on MONDAY, the 7th MAY, 1923.

A. W. GRUNDY,
Naval Store Officer.
Hongkong, March, 1923. [674]

INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at The Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 25th APRIL, 1923, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1922, and confirming the appointment of a Director, and electing a Director and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on Monday, the 23rd April, 1923, until Saturday, the 28th April, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
WALTER J. HAWKER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1923. [715]

THE SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of THE SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED, will be held at The Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th APRIL, 1923, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1922, and confirming the appointment of the Directors and the Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on Thursday, the 26th April, 1923, until Saturday, the 28th April, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
WALTER J. HAWKER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1923. [716]

THE HONGKONG HIDE & LEATHER CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office 57/59, Des Vaux Road Central, on MONDAY, 30th APRIL, 1923, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Auditors together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1922, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd to the 30th April, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
E. PEPPERELL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1923. [718]

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 10th MAY, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1922.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 26th instant to the 10th May, 1923, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 19th April, 1923. [738]

PEAK TRAMWAY CO., LIMITED.

TIME-TABLE

WEEK-DAY.

7.00 a.m., 7.10 a.m.,
7.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes
9.00 " " 10 " " 10
11.00 " " 12.30 p.m. " 15 "

12.40 " " Non stop
12.47 " " Stopping
12.53 " " Non stop
1.04 " " Stopping
1.13 " " Non stop
1.20 " " Stopping

1.30 p.m., 1.35 " Every 10
1.40 " " " 15
1.45 " " " 10

7.20 " " Non stop
7.27 " " Stopping
7.37 " " Non stop
7.44 " " Stopping
7.54 " " Non stop
8.01 " " Stopping
8.10 " " Stopping

8.50 p.m., 9.00 p.m., 9.20 p.m.
9.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. Every 20 minutes
11.15 p.m., 11.30 p.m., 11.45 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Extra Car—12 Midnight.

SUNDAY.

7.00 a.m., 7.10 a.m.,
7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes
9.30 " " 11.00 " " 10
11.15 " " 12.00 noon " 15
12.00 noon " 1.00 p.m. " 10
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SPECIAL CARS.

By ARRANGEMENT AT THE COMPANY'S OFFICE, ALEXANDRA BUILDING, DES VAUX ROAD.

1st May, 1923. [735]

INTIMATION

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SCOTCH WHISKY
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BIRTH.

AITCHISON.—At Shanghai, on April 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. AITCHISON, a son.

MARRIAGE.

SCOTT-BOWEN.—At Shanghai, on April 14th, ROY FREDERICK SCOTT to VERA MARGUERITE BOWEN, of Ashford, Middlesex.

DEATHS.

CAMPBELL.—At Shanghai, on April 10th, ISABELLA, the beloved wife of Capt. JAMES CAMPBELL, aged 49 years.

CHAPMAN.—At Shanghai, on April 14th, suddenly, REGINALD WALTER CHAPMAN, aged 27.

MOORE.—At Shanghai, on April 13th, DANIEL JOSEPH MOORE, in his 40th year.

WADMAN.—At Ningbo, on April 13th, HUBERT PERCY WADMAN, aged 60.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 104, Des Vaux Rd., C.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 23RD, 1923.

CHINA AND THE LEGALISATION OF OPIUM.

We can well believe that the grave financial difficulties in which the Peking Government is involved, inclines it seriously to consider the proposal to create a State monopoly of opium. Three months ago when Sir FRANCIS AILEN, the Inspector-General of Customs, boldly advocated this course at a meeting of the Anti-Opium Society in Peking, it seemed not unreasonable to believe that it was made with the previous knowledge and concurrence of, at least, some of the members of the Cabinet, but when the proposal excited adverse comment in London we had the Chinese Chargé d'Affaires publicly declaring that he had been directed to issue an official statement to the effect that such suggested legislation was not the policy of the Chinese Government, which in all sincerity intends to fulfil the obligations of the Opium Convention. But everybody acquainted with the conditions prevailing in China knows perfectly well that

the Peking Government has not the power to fulfil those obligations. Even Dr. SUN YAT SEN, the Generalissimo at Canton, of whose sentiments on the problem no one is in doubt, has found it entirely beyond his power to maintain the laws against opium and gambling even in the city where he has his headquarters.

Sir FRANCIS AILEN advocated the legalisation of the opium traffic as the only means of controlling and suppressing it, and not because of the very large revenue it would bring into the Chinese Government treasury. His proposal was that the revenue derived from it should be expended on measures to enforce its suppression. His argument was that the trade in China is larger to-day than ever it was, that it is "highly organised," and is bound to flourish in a disordered China. As we pointed out at the time, it is an argument that cuts both ways, for if the Government is powerless to enforce its decrees for the suppression of opium, what likelihood is there that it will be able to establish effective control of the traffic were legalised again?

However, notwithstanding the authoritative declaration made some weeks ago by the Chargé d'Affaires in London, we had last week from Peking a statement from "an apparently reliable source," that the Minister of Finance about three weeks ago proposed an opium monopoly to the Cabinet, and the Cabinet agreed. This informant stated that the Cabinet has instructed the Finance Minister to draw up a more detailed proposal, and then resubmit the matter to the Cabinet, and, in the meanwhile, to sound the Powers and find out whether there would be strong opposition to a monopoly. It was further reported that a member of Parliament had interpellated the Government protesting against the opium monopoly, and stating that it would mean giving up the policy of the last eighteen years. We may take it that the report is not without substantial foundation. It is no secret in Peking that a memorandum setting forth in considerable detail a proposal for the legalisation of the traffic has been under the consideration of the Finance Committee. One of the Chinese papers in Peking secured a copy of it and printed a long abstract. The author of the memorandum was one MANSO, presumably a Japanese. He represented that in view of the facts that there are nearly 15,000,000 opium addicts in the country, that the amount of opium smuggled into the country yearly is valued at \$100,000 and that the illicit traffic and sale amount to a value of not less than \$300,000.—[These figures are a manifest underestimate, and perhaps a misprint for millions]—the sale of opium should be taken over by the Government instead of being ineffectively prohibited, in spite of the campaign that is waged internationally against the traffic. Were the Government to go into the trade it would be possible, he said, to secure a big loan, on the security of the profits of the trade, and thus tide over the present financial stringency and also provide funds for administrative and other expenses for a number of years. It is a tempting bait, and a Government going deeper and deeper in the mire of debt would be more than human if it did not clutch at any floating straw in the hope of salvation. The avowed policy of the Powers is to leave China "to work out her own salvation,"—probably as being the only course on which they are likely to agree, and if the Chinese Government decides to take the retrograde step, as she did once before in the history of the past century, the foreign Powers would be powerless to prevent it. But having regard to the international aspects of the problem, and the great amount of work the League of Nations has been doing to assist China in suppressing the traffic, the Powers, one and all, would probably impose upon her the disastrous consequences which would ensue from a retrograde step upon any future international arrangements into which China may desire to enter. Beyond that the Powers could do little or nothing.

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The body of a Chinese was found on Friday on the Wing Lok Wharf. There was a piece of rope tied tightly round the neck, and the man is believed to have committed suicide by strangulation. From the appearance of the body the man seems to have been absolutely destitute.

In a secluded spot on the premises of the Electric Company a few days ago, two Chinese were found by Inspector Phillips cutting up lengths of cable. Inquiries were made which led to their appearance before the Magistrate (Mr. J. R. Wood), on Saturday morning, charged with the theft of underground cables. The case was remanded till this morning.

A British subject named Norman W. Bowder, has been arrested by the police at Manila on a charge of attempting to swindle prospective purchasers of opium to the extent of P.350,000. The boxes which were supposed to contain the opium were found to contain Passay sand, stones and old newspapers. Bowder was arrested at a Chinese house where the sale was effected.

A large batch of Chinese umbrellas makers were landed in Shanghai, last week having been repatriated by the Japanese authorities. On the arrival of a shipload of Chinese artisans recently at Moji, the Chinese press understands that they were refused permission to land, while a number of their compatriots were placed with them on board another steamer bound for Shanghai.

The two Chinese cases of plague in the Colony on Friday, one in Victoria and the other on the Peninsula. During the day there were three further cases of smallpox reported, one in Victoria, and the other two on the Peninsula. Other cases of notifiable disease during the day were two Chinese cases of cerebro-spinal fever, one of enteric fever, and one of puerperal fever.

A messenger employed by Mr. M. J. D. Stephens was charged in conjunction with another man at the Magistracy on Saturday with being in illegal possession of opium. He was represented at the Court by Mr. Stephens, who stated that the messenger had been a servant of his for some time and was above reproach. Defendant pleaded the usual excuse that he was only a carrier. A fine of \$50 was imposed.

A new regulation has been made by the Governor-in-Council relating to launches and motor boats at Repulse Bay. It reads:—"During the months of May, to October inclusive no launch or motor boat shall lie at anchor in Repulse Bay, north of a straight line from the East Point of the island west of the Repulse Bay bathing beach and known as Tung Po Chan Island to the red buoy moored off the foreshore of Repulse Bay. This regulation shall not prevent launches and motor boats approaching the shore for the purpose of embarking or disembarking passengers as expeditiously as possible."

A French Volunteer Corps is being formed at Shanghai.

It is notified in the Shanghai papers that Mr. E. W. Alderson has been appointed Assistant General Manager of The Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

The King's Esquadrant empowering Mr. Marius Johannes Quist to act as Consul-General for the Netherlands at Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

A report from Szechwan says that a number of gold-bearing veins have been discovered in that province. The area is said to extend over some hundred miles and to be rich in deposits.

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CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]CHESTER CONCESSION
AMERICA'S BACK-DOOR ENTRY
INTO ASIA.

New York, April 21st.

Speaking at a dinner of the Federated American Chambers of Commerce in the Near East, yesterday, Admiral Chester declared that "spheres of influence" had thrown every kind of obstacle in his way since he had been endeavouring to secure concessions in Turkey. He said that during the closing days of the War the Navy Department had urged him frantically to complete negotiations, as an oil shortage threatened all their fleets. The British Ambassador had assured him that Great Britain would not object, but the Ambassador had been overruled.

American capitalists had questioned the advisability of Turkey giving him concessions because the capitalists were not behind the deal, but the Turkish Government was behind him, and that was all that he required. "You may not know it," he said, "but for a score of years the United States Government has been trying to get in to Asia through the back-door, because these spheres of influence had barred the front door." By granting the concession, Turkey was confident of the support of the only big Power in the world not having political ambitions in the Near East. Admiral Chester said that he felt sure that this step would mean for Turkey independence and freedom from foreign domination, which had held her back for centuries.

INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK.
NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL STRIKE
ENDED.

LONDON, April 21st.

The Norfolk agricultural strike has ended, the Executives of Farmers' and Labourers' Unions to-day agreeing to the terms of settlement, namely, twenty-five shillings for a fifty hour week.

IRISH TRANSPORT WORKERS
RESUME WORK.

LONDON, April 21st.

As a result of the Free State Government's intervention the transport workers' strike has been settled, the men accepting the reductions.

[The strike commenced on April 16th as a protest against the reductions in seamen's wages.]

SKEWEN OIL REFINERS DISPUTE.

LONDON, April 21st.

The deadlock in the national oil refiners dispute at Skewen near Swansea continues, and 15,000 men's notices expire to-day.

EARLIER CABLES.

TROUBLE THREATENING ON
AUSTRALIAN WATERFRONT.

MELBOURNE, April 20th.

It is understood that serious trouble is likely to develop on the Australian water front if the arbitration court rejects the application for abolition of the bureau system of employment established in Sydney after the 1917 upheaval. Trade union circles indicate that the dockers at other ports solidly support the Sydney men in insisting on preference for union men with regard to employment.

WORK RESUMED AT INDIAN
JUTE MILLS.

CALCUTTA, April 20th.

Work has been resumed at the Bally jute mills. Two thirds of strikers have returned unconditionally.

LATEST CABLES.

BRITISH AGRICULTURE.
FURTHER GOVERNMENT
ASSISTANCE.

LONDON, April 21st.

In addition to influencing the reduction of railway rates, the Government's efforts to assist agriculture were announced by Lieut.-Col. Sir R. A. Sanders, in the House of Commons. They comprise a duty of ten shillings a quarter on imported malting barley, with a preference of one-third in favour of the Dominions; also a grant of assistance to co-operative milk depots. The foregoing were the principal methods for assistance recommended by the special tribunal appointed to advise on the improvement of the agricultural industry.

LATEST CABLES.

THE RUHR.

LORD CURZON'S HINT
TO GERMANY.

LONDON, April 21st.

Lord Curzon's cautiously worded speech, which is generally regarded by the English Press as a hint to Germany that the time is opportune for a renewal of her efforts at negotiation, met with a cool reception in the French Press, which considers that it is a mere confirmation of British policy, and reiterates that France's determination is unshaken; though the Petit Journal interprets the speech as a warning to those who still imagine that the British Government will yield to "Germany's crocodile tears."

On the other hand the speech has made a great impression in Berlin. The *Vossische Zeitung* interprets the speech as a warning to those who still imagine that the British Government will yield to "Germany's crocodile tears."

The *Tagblatt* considers that progress is possible on the basis of Lord Curzon's suggestion.

"RED" CORN FOR RUHR
PROLETARIAT.

COLOGNE, April 21st.

A number of Russian railway trucks are standing loaded in a siding at a suburb of Cologne. They are inscribed "Russian corn: help for the Ruhr proletariat, from the Red Workers' Co-Operative Society, Moscow."

BURGMASER OF ESSEN
RELEASED.

BERLIN, April 21st.

The Papal Delegate Testa, left after interviewing President Ebert and Herr Rosenberg. The *Vossische Zeitung* says that as a result of Monsignor Testa's intervention General Degoutie has released Herr Schaefer, the Burgmaster of Essen, who was undergoing three years' imprisonment.

UNEMPLOYED DEMONSTRATION AT
DUSSELDORF.

DUSSELDORF, April 21st.

In consequence of the municipality refusing to increase the outdoor relief grants, 2,000 unemployed formed a procession and marched to the Town Hall, pulling out the workers en route. The demonstrators came into conflict with the security police, who fired in the air. In the course of the dispersal two police and six demonstrators were injured.

EARLIER CABLES.

LORD CURZON ON BRITISH
FOREIGN POLICY.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS CANNOT HELP.

LONDON, April 20th.

In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon in a speech on foreign policy said he had consistently advised Germany to make an overture expressing intention to pay and have the payment fixed by authorities properly charged with the task, and offer specific guarantees for continued payments. The British policy was fundamentally based on the Entente on which alone they were likely to build a new, stable structure whether in regard to the Ruhr or Lausanne. We were consistently with the Entente, and should continue to observe an attitude of watchful, friendly neutrality in the Ruhr question. The Government was willing to discuss plans regarding security but this could not be carried out at the cost of dismemberment of Germany or setting a new running sore in the heart of Europe. Any guarantees should preferably be reciprocal.

The strain was telling severely on the resources of both parties and if pursued must imperil the future relations of the two great peoples. He was hopeful that a time would shortly arise when British influence and authority might usefully be directed towards bringing the main parties together.

NO WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS.

Lord Curzon intimated that the Government was entirely opposed to the withdrawal of the British troops, which would create a feeling of positive dismay among the Allies. He pointed out that the figures of British trade with Germany since the occupation of the Ruhr were considerably higher than in the corresponding period last year; and said Germany had shown a capacity for resistance which had surprised her opponents and friends. The results of the occupation hitherto, though serious, had been less immediately disastrous than was expected in many quarters. The financial situation which had been produced seemed fraught with most profound anxiety.

He laid stress on the objections and dangers of handing over the question to the League of Nations. He thought it might fairly be argued that the first move should come from Germany.

Lord Grey said he regretted Lord Curzon was not more hopeful regarding the near approach of the moment when the Government could see its way to exercise its influence in connection with the Ruhr policy of France. The longer it continued, the worse the situation was likely to become. The one hope of security lay with the League of Nations, becoming a strong reality, and the inclusion of Germany therein. He suggested consideration of the possibility of using the League to give security not only to France but to Germany as well.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

LATEST CABLES.

U.S. TRADE REVIEW.

THE DANGER OF STOCK
INFLATION.

New York, April 21st.

The first official warning against the danger of inflation is contained in the Department of Commerce review of trade and industry for the month of March, which says that the present situation is more advantageous than that of 1920, as shown by the index to wholesale prices, which are 35 per cent. below 1920, the peak, with production at least equal to 1920. The department found that the record of productivity in March was accompanied by an increasing demand from consumers, which had apparently digested the goods produced without any appreciable increase of stocks.

Warnings from banking quarters were much more explicit. The menace of a buyers' strike, like that of 1920, was generally recognised, and a well-known stock speculator had issued a sensational statement warning the investing public that "there had never been a time in the history of Wall Street when there had been so many undigested securities of every conceivable kind as to-day."

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U.S. COTTON PRICES.
BIG FALL IN OLD CROP
HOLDING.

NEW YORK, April 21st.

Cotton prices broke on a heavy general selling of the old crop. They fell 85 to 104 points, but the new crop fell only 45, on receipt of reports of the rains in the South West. The "Bulls" appear to have abandoned hopes of higher prices.

RUBBER DIVIDENDS.
AMALGAMATED RUBBER ESTATES'
INCREASED PROFITS.

LONDON, April 21st.

Improved financial results are disclosed in the report of the Amalgamated Rubber Estates, showing a profit last year of £41,000 compared with £10,000 in 1921. The report proposes a 25 per cent. dividend on account of last year, making the year's dividend 75 per cent.; also a 5 per cent. dividend on account of the current year.

FRANCO-BRITISH FINANCE.
FRENCH REPAYMENTS TO BANK
OF ENGLAND.

PARIS, April 21st.

The Minister of Finance announces that long and delicate negotiations have resulted in the Bank of France arranging the discharge of the loan made by the Bank of England early in 1916, will be spread over a period of seven years, instead of this year when it is due.

POLICE REGAIN CONTROL AT
MULHEIM.

BERLIN, April 20th.

The situation at Mulheim is described as a reign of terror. The *Vossische Zeitung* says that murder is common, and a whole row of dead and wounded were taken off the streets. Fugitive eyewitnesses declare that the mob has completely taken control of the town, and bands of men armed with firearms, knives, etc., roam the streets. A few detectives defended the town hall, which was attacked yesterday evening. The French troops apparently are adopting an absolutely passive attitude. A German report states that they refused the request of the city authorities to allow the police from other towns to enter Mulheim.

LONDON, April 20th.

The *Vossische Zeitung's* account of the situation in Mulheim is apparently somewhat coloured. A Mulheim message reports that police from other towns succeeded in clearing out the "red guards" from the main part of the town. Twenty arrests were made. It is reported that six persons were killed in the course of the disturbances.

PARIS, April 20th.

A report from Mulheim states that order has been fully restored, and police are patrolling the streets.

ANOTHER "RED" OUTBREAK
REPORTED.

BERLIN, April 20th.

The *Local Anzeiger* reports that gunsmith shops at Oberhausen have been plundered.

Miners going to work were held up by armed Communists and unemployed, wearing the Soviet star, were forced to the entrance of the town hall at Eubort, the lower part of which they now occupy. The report asserts that 1,800 men of the "red army" carried out military exercises at Gelsenkirchen under the eyes of French troops.

LATEST CABLES.

IRISH PEACE PROPOSALS.

CONTROVERSY REGARDING
MONSIGNOR LUZIO.

LONDON, April 21st.

In connection with the curious controversy raging in Dublin as to whether Monsignor Luzio's visit is purely ecclesiastical, as contended by the Government, or whether it was paid with Vatican authority to intervene in the interests of peace, as Monsignor Luzio declares, Cardinal Logue has sent a letter to *Freeman's Journal* regretting the article published on March 10th. He published a hitherto undisclosed letter from the Secretary of State for the Vatican to him, showing that Monsignor Luzio was authorised to co-operate with the Irish Bishops to a pacificatory end.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE IRISH CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, April 20th.

A message from Pantry states that the Nationals have thoroughly secured the whole countryside, and it is thought that the backbone of the irregular resistance in the difficult mountainous area has been broken. A number of prisoners have been brought in.

LATEST CABLES.

SHIPPING BOARD VESSELS

MARINE ENGINEERS' OFFER
REFUSED.

NEW YORK, April 12th.

Mr. Lasker has refused the Marine Engineers offer for three ships because the bid was only ten dollars a ton, compared with the Government's minimum demand of thirty dollars.

The Shipping Board is working out a new sales plan, and has informed the union that it will have equal opportunity with others bidding.

WRANGLE'S ARMY.

OFFER TO SERVE IN SPANISH
MOROCCO.

MADRID, April 21st.

The offer of General Wrangle's army, now in Rumania, to serve as a separate unit against the Moors in Spanish Morocco, has been declined by the Spanish Government, which, however, intimated that any Russian volunteers would be welcomed in the Spanish Foreign Legion.

ITALIAN MINISTERIAL SPLIT.

PREMIER AND POPULAR PARTY
COMPOSE THEIR DIFFERENCES.

ROME, April 21st.

The differences between Premier Mussolini and the Popular Party, which led to the resignation of a minister and under secretaries on April 17th, have been composed by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Parliamentary group of the Popular Party, affirming their intention of supporting the Government and placing national needs above party considerations.

BOMBING PLANE FATALITY.

THREE AMERICAN AIRMEN
KILLED.

DAYTON, OHIO, April 21st.

Three airmen were killed and three seriously injured through the crashing of a service bombing-plane.

DETAINED AT ELLIS ISLAND.

NEW YORK, April 21st.

M. Eta, Premier of Montenegro, and Signor Palamancz from Italy have been detained at Ellis Island. Friends of the latter declare that he came as a refugee.

JIM LARKIN DEPORTED.

NEW YORK, April 21st.

Jim Larkin who was arrested on April 19th, has departed under a deportation warrant.

SUMMER TIME AT HOME.

LONDON, April 21st.

Clocks will be advanced one hour at 2 a.m. on April 22nd.

U.S. TO ENTER COURT OF
INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE.

WASHINGTON, April 21st.

President Harding's proposal to enter the Court of International Justice has been unreservedly endorsed by the House of Representatives.

WORLD OF SPORT.

PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS
CHAMPIONSHIP.

LONDON, April 21st.

At Holborn Hall, in the semi-final of the Professional Billiards Championship, Smith, when he had reached the half-way score, 8,000 had made breaks of 620 and 792.

AUSTRALIA'S DAVIS CUP
REPRESENTATIVES.

MELBOURNE, April 21st.

Mr. Norman Brookes, the sole selector of Australia's Davis Cup representatives, in announcing that he had selected Anderson, Hawkes, Schlesinger and McCann to represent Australia in the Davis Cup matches, concurs with the Association's view that a weaker team should not be despatched. Mr. Brookes questions the wisdom of Australia competing annually, owing to the heavy expense, and the business inconvenience to those selected.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LONDON CALDONIANS DEFEAT EVESHAM TOWN.

LONDON, April 21st.

At Crystal Palace, in the Amateur Cup final, London Caldonians defeated Evesham Town by 2 to 1 after extra time had been played.

LONDON, April 21st.

Following are the results of Saturday's League Matches:—

FIRST LEAGUE.

Preston N.E.	1	Arsenal	2
Aston Villa	3	Everton	0
Tottenham H.	2	Birmingham	0
Middlesbrough	1	Blackburn R.	2
Chelsea	3	Dorset W.	0
Burnley	2	Sunderland	0
Sheffield United	0	Cardiff City	0
Liverpool	1	Huddersfield T.	1
Notttingham F.	2	Manchester C.	0
Newcastle U.	1	Stoke	0
Oldham A.	0	West Bromwich	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrieonians	5	Falkirk	1
Clyde	0	Aberdeen	1
Hearts	1	Ayr United	1
Morton	0	St. Mirren	1
Motherwell	0	Celtic	0
Partick T.	1	Hibernian	0
Rangers	1	Kilmarnock	0

THE EXCHANGE MARKET.

LONDON, April 20th.

Marks recovered to 112,000 to 117,000, but closed at 120,000 to 125,000. French francs are at 70.10 and Belgian francs at \$1.10.

THE MARK.

LONDON, April 21st.

German Marks are quoted at 119,000 to 121,000.

U.S. NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF
ASIATIC FLEET.

WASHINGTON, April 18th.

Secretary of the Navy Denny announced to-day that Rear-Admiral Robert E. Coontz is to be commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet with the rank of admiral. Rear-Admiral S. S. Robison becomes commander-in-chief of the battle fleet with the rank of admiral.

Rear-Admiral Newton A. McCully is to command the scout fleet with the rank of vice-admiral.

It is understood Admiral Hilary P. Jones goes to the general board but no announcement was made.

Rear-Admiral Henry A. Wiley, commanding the first naval district, becomes vice-admiral commanding a battleship division on July first.

Vice-Admiral Andrew T. Long, commanding in European waters, will become chief of the bureau of navigation.

Rear-Admiral Philip Andrews will succeed Rear-Admiral Long in Europe with the rank of vice-admiral.

[Rear-Admiral Coontz, who, according to the aforementioned dispatch, will succeed Admiral E. A. Anderson as commander of the United States Asiatic Fleet was born in Hannibal, Mo., June 11th, 1864. He was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1885. In October, 1890, he married Augusta Cohen of Sitka, Alaska.

He was commissioned ensign, U. S. N., in 1887, promoted to lieutenant junior grade, in 1890, became lieutenant in 1899, lieutenant commander in 1905, commander in 1909, captain in 1912, rear-admiral in 1917 and admiral in 1919.

He was in the Alaskan service for six years, becoming proficient pilot in those waters, was executive officer of the U. S. S. *Nebraska* on the voyage of the United States fleet around the world in 1903, commandant of midshipmen, U. S. Naval Academy, 1910-11, governor of Guam 1912-13, commandant of the Navy Yard, Puget Sound, July 30th, 1916, ordered to command the 7th Division of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet in August, 1918, and was assistant for naval operations in the same year, being confirmed by the Senate as chief of naval operations October 24th, 1919.

He wears medals for service in the Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, Vera Cruz, World War, and D. S. M. He is a Mason and a Rotarian.]

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHINA, JAPAN AND AMERICA.

THE WIRELESS CONTRACTS.

PEKING, April 22nd.

Yesterday, the Union of Chinese Chambers of Commerce passed a resolution asking the Government to cancel the Sino-Japanese wireless contract, but to carry out the American wireless contract. They also urged the Government to yield entirely in the Coltan case, in order to restore friendly relations with America.

TITLES FOR CHINESE GENERALS.

AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN SUPPORT
FOR SHEN HUNG YING.

PEKING, April 21st.

A mandate issued last night made numerous Kwangtung appointments and gave titles to various generals, all of whom are either followers of General Chen Chiung Ming or the former Inspector-General Lung Chi Kuang, or have hitherto been neutral in the present struggle.

It is evident that the object is to win them over to General Shen Hung Ying's side.

CHINESE OFFICIALS' ABBEAS OF
SALARIES.

STILL BEING PAID BY PROMISES.

PEKING, April 21st.

Following the rumoured large opium monopoly loan, which has been since denied, there comes a rumour regarding a large loan by the Consortium which is now also denied.

It is suggested that the reports were spread in order to give the idea to those who are much behind in their salaries that ample funds will be shortly forthcoming, whereas the real fact is that the financial difficulties of the Government are continually increasing.

It is understood that nothing has yet

been forwarded to the Ministers in Europe, whose pay is now eleven months in arrears.

REMAINS OF PRINCE
KITASHIRAKAWA.

PARIS, April 21st.

The remains of Prince Kitashirakawa have been removed from the Japanese Embassy to the Gare de Lyon, whence they will be sent to Marseilles.

Among the prominent Japanese present were the Japanese Chargé d'Affaires at Paris, the Japanese Ambassadors to London and Berlin, Japanese military attaches and Colonel Oto, deceased's Aide de Camp.

The coffin was draped in white, and placed on a railway coach lined with white hangings. The magnificent wreaths included tributes from the Prefect of Eure, and the Mayor of Bernay, where the Prince was killed.

Japanese officers will mount guard over the coffin until it is placed aboard the *Katori Maru*. M. D. Matsuda (Embassy Counsellor in Paris) and Baron Hayashi will accompany the remains to Japan.

U.S. COASTAL SHIPPING LAW.

NO IMMEDIATE EXTENSION TO
PHILIPPINES.

WASHINGTON, April 21st.

It is learned from the White House that the extension of the Coastwise Shipping Laws to the Philippines, as recently recommended by shipbuilders and ship owners is not immediately contemplated by the Government, as President Harding sees no reason for such a step under the present circumstances.

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CABLES.

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EARLIER CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

EGYPT'S CONSTITUTION.

A SOVEREIGN STATE.

NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS REALIZED.

CAIRO, April 20th.

The Constitution declares that Egypt is a Sovereign State, with a free and independent Government and a hereditary Monarchy, the official religion being Islam and the official language Arabic.

It provides for obligatory elementary education for both sexes, free, in public schools. It declares that all powers emanate from the nation. Legislative power will be exercised by the King of Egypt concurrently with the Senate and Chamber, but the King and Chamber alone shall be entitled to impose and increase taxes. The King can return any Bill to Parliament for re-examination, but if voted by a two-thirds majority of each House it will become law. The King can dissolve the Chamber and nominate or dismiss Ministers, and nominate or revoke diplomatic representatives on the proposition of the Foreign Minister. The present Constitution shall be applicable to the Kingdom of Egypt, but this provision in no wise affects Egypt's rights in the Sudan, the title which the King of Egypt shall bear to be established after authorized delegations have fixed the definite status of the Sudan.

The King can declare war or make peace, and form alliances, subject to the consent of Parliament. The Constitution in no wise affects Egypt's obligation towards foreign countries or the rights of foreigners legally acquired in Egypt, or by recognised usages or treaties.

CONSTITUTION SIGNED AND PROMULGATED.

CAIRO, April 20th.

The King signed the Constitution late yesterday evening. The promulgation was heralded this morning by salutes of guns all over Egypt.

The Premier, Yehia Pasha, in a declaration states that he is most gratified with the constitution, which harmonises with the national aspirations. No modification has been introduced affecting the fundamental principle of the people's sovereignty. He pays a tribute to King Fuad's very friendly reception of the Cabinet's propositions, and says the Egyptians will astonish the world by their rapid and complete adaptation to a Parliamentary regime and profound attachment to the first constitutional King of Egypt.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

IRISH FREE STATE SEEKS
MEMBERSHIP.

GENEVA, April 20th.

The representative of the Irish Free State has handed the Secretary General of the League of Nations a formal request for Free State's admission to the League.

PARLIAMENTARY BYE-ELECTION.

CONSERVATIVES RETAIN
LUDLOW SEAT.

LONDON, April 20th.

The result of the Ludlow bye-election, due to the death of the Earl of Plymouth and the succession of Viscount Windsor to the title was as follows:

Colonel Windsor-Clive (Con-
servative) ... 9,956
Captain Calcott Pryce (Liberal) ... 6,740
Mr. Pollard (Labour) ... 1,420

INSURANCE COS. WITHDRAW FROM CONSTANTINOPLE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 20th.

Over forty British insurance companies are notifying the authorities that they are withdrawing their business from Constantinople.

GREAT BRITAIN AND PROHIBITION.

OVERWHELMING REJECTION.

LONDON, April 20th.

The House of Commons by 236 to 14 rejected the Prohibition Bill introduced by the Dundee prohibitionist, Mr. Scrymgeour.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST CORNERING IN NEW YORK.

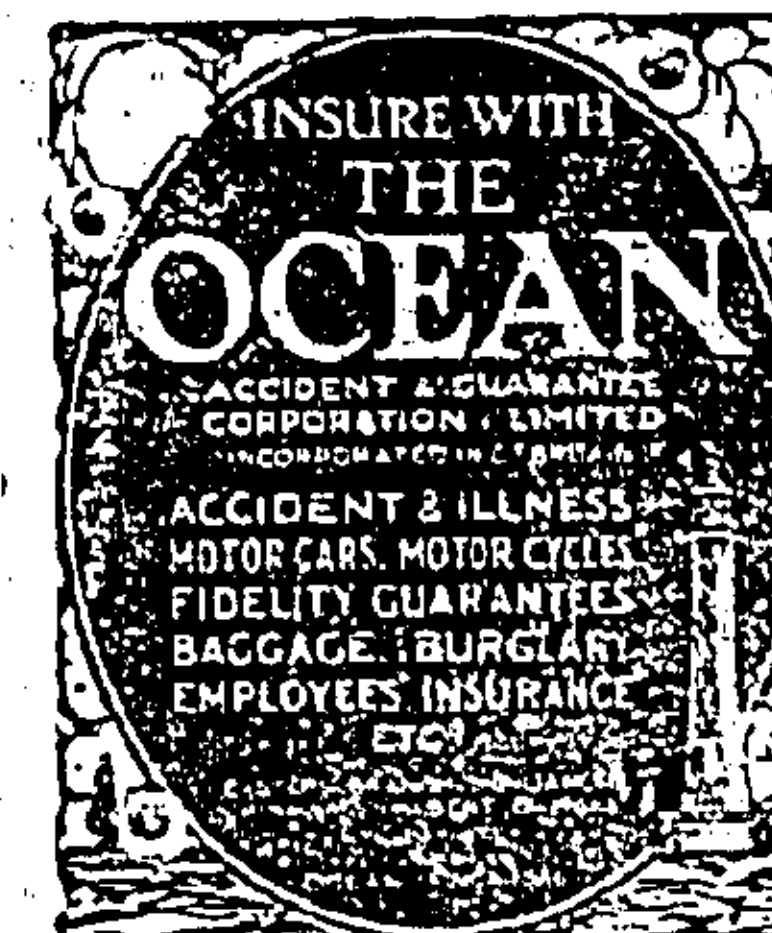
NEW YORK, April 20th.

The Federal Attorney is filing papers requesting an injunction against the Coffee and Sugar Exchange Incorporated.

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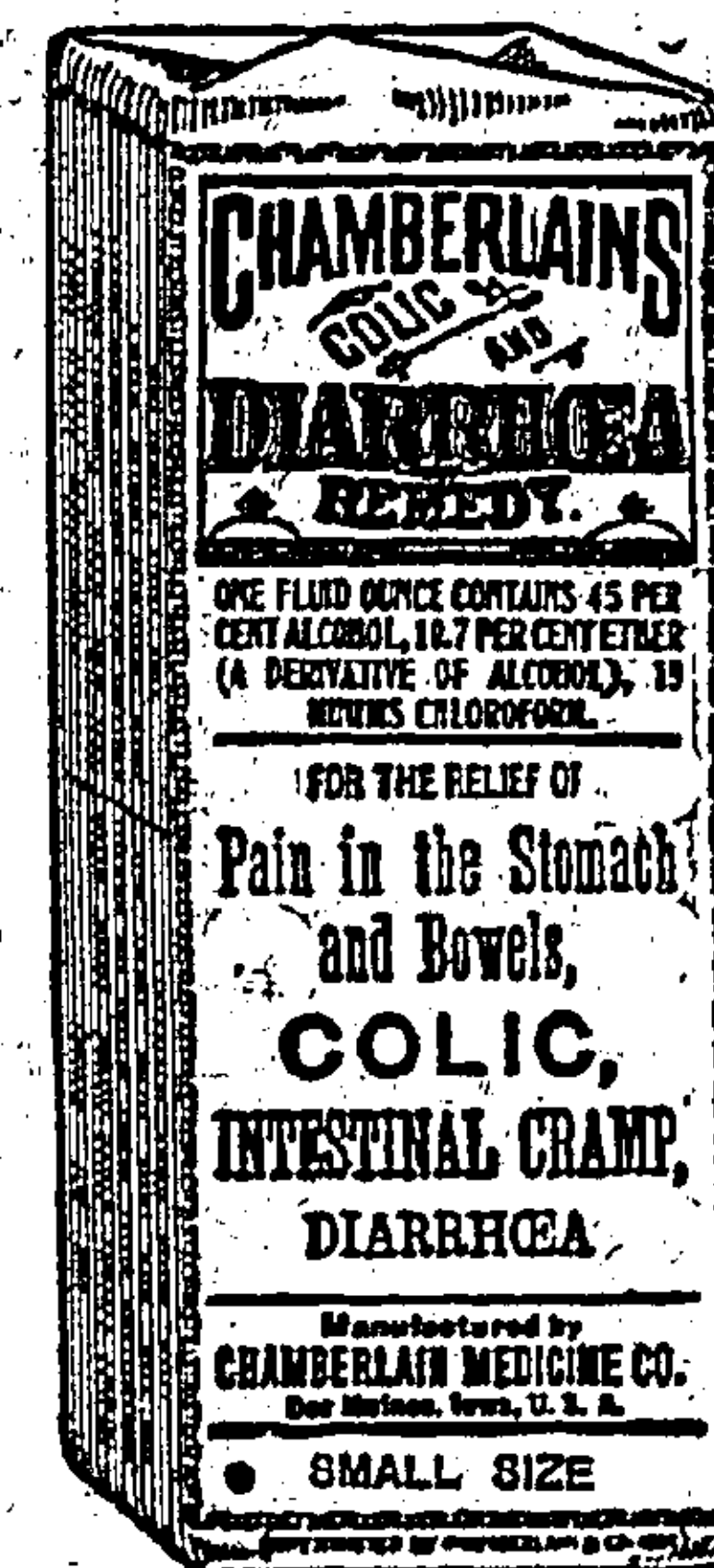
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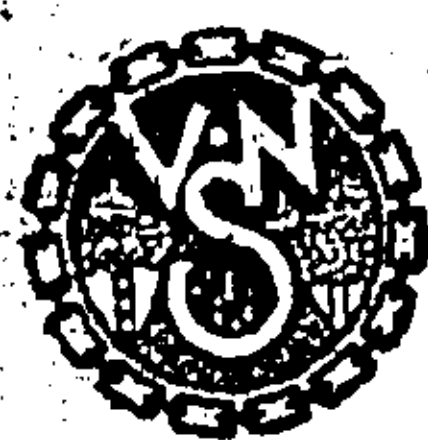
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THE MATTERHORN.

TRAGEDY RECALLED: DEATH OF SURVIVOR.

A Geneva message states that Peter Tauwvalder, the well-known Zermatt guide, died last month, aged 81. He was the only survivor of the Matterhorn disaster of July 14th, 1865. The secret of the Whymper tragedy is thus maintained, and it will never be known if Tauwvalder cut the rope in order to save his own life, as Edward Whymper asserted, or whether the rope, which was old and worn, parted under the strain of holding four men dangling over the glacier. Tauwvalder afterwards never passed the spot without a short, silent prayer. He had climbed the Matterhorn 125 times since the accident without mishap.

The tragedy of the Matterhorn occurred after the first successful ascent had been achieved by a party consisting of Lord Francis Douglas, Rev. Charles Hudson, Messrs. Robert Hadow, and Edward Whymper, and two guides, Michael Crox and Peter Tauwvalder, and two sons of the latter. Mr. Whymper's story of the tragedy was as follows:—"The greatest care was being taken. Only one man was moving at a time; when he was firmly planted the next advanced, and so on. The average distance between us was probably twenty feet. As far as I know, at the moment of the accident no one was actually moving. I cannot speak with certainty, neither can the Tauwvalders, because the two leading men were partially hidden from our sight by an intervening mass of rock. Poor Crox had laid aside his axe, and, in order to give Mr. Hadow greater security, was absolutely taking hold of his legs, and putting his feet, one by one, into their proper positions. From the movements of their shoulders it is my belief that Crox, having done as I have said, was in the act of turning round to go down a step or two himself; at this moment Mr. Hadow slipped, fell on him, and knocked him over. I heard one startled exclamation from Crox, then saw him and Mr. Hadow flying downwards; in another moment Hudson was dragged from his steps, and Lord Francis Douglas immediately after him. All this was the work of a moment; but immediately we heard Crox's exclamation Tauwvalder and myself planted ourselves as firmly as the rocks would permit; the rope was tight between us, and the shock came on us both as on one man. We held, but the rope broke midway between Tauwvalder and Lord Francis Douglas. For two or three seconds we saw our unfortunate companions sliding downwards on their backs, and spreading out their hands endeavouring to save themselves. They disappeared one by one, and fell from precipice to precipice on to the Matterhorn glacier below, a distance of nearly 4,000 feet. From the moment the rope broke it was impossible to help them. For the space of half-an-hour we remained on the spot without moving a single step. The two men, paralysed by terror, cried like infants, and trembled in such a manner as to threaten us with the fate of the others. For more than two hours afterwards I thought every moment would be my last; for the Tauwvalders, utterly unnerved, were not only incapable of giving assistance, but were in such a state that a ship might have been expected from one or the other at any moment."

TUBERCULOSIS CURE.

VACCINATING COWS WITH SPAHLINGER'S SERUM.

An article of great importance to public health is contributed by Dr. Leonard Williams, a physician of European reputation to the *Empire Review* on the Spahlinger treatment of tuberculosis. Spahlinger is a Swiss lawyer, who shortly before the war turned to science and prepared a serum which, after severe tests, seems to be a sovereign cure for tuberculosis.

It is a blend of some 20 anti-toxins, or antibodies, prepared by inoculating as many horses with the 20 distinct species of germs which Spahlinger discovered in victims of tuberculosis. Dr. Williams says:—

If this complete serum is injected into the body of a human being suffering from tuberculosis, the horse's antibodies will immediately set to work to neutralise the toxins with which the bacilli are killing the human being. Spahlinger stumbled upon a fact which is of considerable interest. It is that the type of horse which is the best antibody manufacturer is a well-bred horse of dark colour, of the Irish hunter type.

Manufacture of the serum is a matter of years, and was delayed by the war and want of funds. But now the British Red Cross Society has come to Spahlinger's aid, and in time a good supply will be forthcoming. Dr. Williams hopes that we may be—

In sight of the complete removal of tuberculosis from the face of the earth. Children will be vaccinated against tuberculosis just as they are now vaccinated against small-pox; and calves will be vaccinated with the same and in view. The test is a matter which should be taken in hand at once.

The bacillus was believed to enter the human body through the alimentary canal, in fact from tainted milk.

The campaign against tuberculosis will never make any serious headway until the disease is attacked at its source. That source is the tuberculous cow. If all heifers were vaccinated according to Spahlinger's methods, the vast majority of the 1,000 deaths a week in Great Britain which are now attributed to this disease would be prevented.

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TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING" ... Wednesday	25th Apr., Noon.
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SAIGON	"WINGSANG" ... Friday	27th Apr., 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSANG" ... Friday	27th Apr., 9 a.m.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG" ... Friday	27th Apr., 3 p.m.
KOBE	"HOSANG" ... Saturday	28th Apr., Noon.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG" ... Saturday	28th Apr., 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"LOKSANG" ... Sunday	29th Apr., Noon.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"ESANG" ... Thursday	3rd May, Noon.
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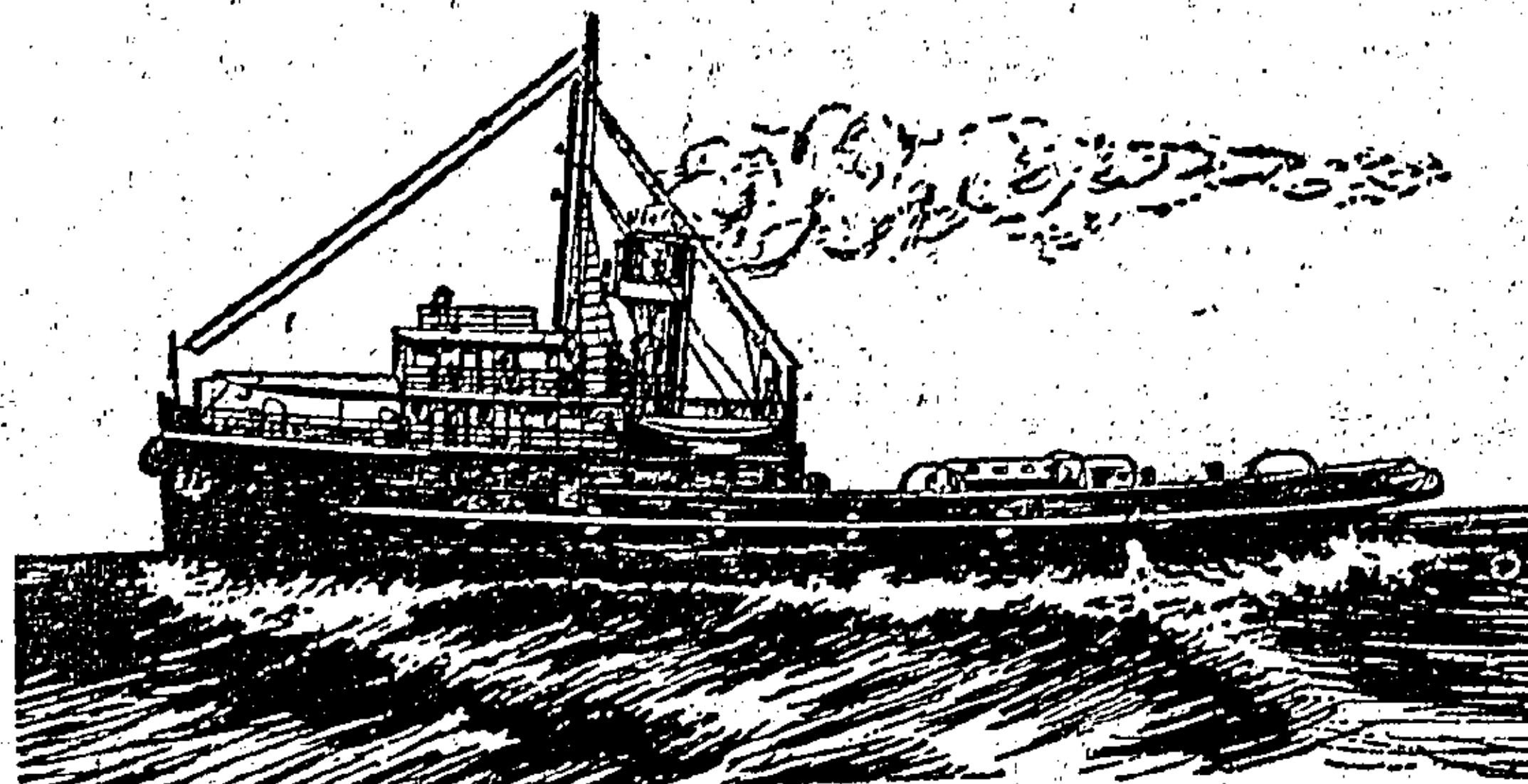
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ARRIVALS.

April 20th.

Aikawa Maru, Japanese str., 888 tons, Capt. Kawamoto, from Kuelung, with coal.—Suzuki & Co.

Q. M. Maithel, French str., 4,222 tons, Capt. A. Lorenzi, from Tsingtau, with a general cargo.—Messageries Maritimes.

Childer, Norwegian str., 1,103 tons, Capt. O. Olson, from Bangkok, with a general cargo.—Thorsen & Co.

Zhangchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. B. H. G. Ashby, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Takaka Maru, Japanese str., 1,204 tons, Capt. K. Katsuramoto, from Haiphong, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.

April 21st.

Odagetta, American str., 2,585 tons, Capt. A. Anderson, from Saigon, with rice.—Admiral Oriental Line.

Too Shing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. J. McAlinh, from Bangkok, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.

Takaka Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.

Haddis, British str., from Canton.

Hingpingan, Chinese str., from Canton.

Hydrangea, British str., 501 tons, Capt. W. J. Colman, R.N.R., from Swatow, with a general cargo.—Chin On S.S. Co.

Tsion, British str., 8,520 tons, Capt. F. Beaton, from Dalny, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Lake Titano, American str., 1,609 tons, Capt. H. S. Baner, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—P.M. S.S. Co.

Lake Titano, American str., 1,609 tons, Capt. P. W. Bakeman, from Saigon, with rice.—Admiral Oriental Line.

Marlinique, Danish str., 253 tons, Capt. R. O. Jensen, from Bangkok, with a general cargo.—E. & A. Co.

Mou Sang, British str., 2,063 tons, Capt. P. R. Gray, from Saigon, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.

Wheilan, German str., 3,284 tons, Capt. J. Haher, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—Arndt Bros.

Sinkiang, British str., from Canton.

Sicilia, British str., 4,171 tons, Capt. E. C. Miller, from Bombay and Haiphong, with a general cargo.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Song Hai, French str., 3,085 tons, Capt. Marabak, from Saigon, with rice.—P. A. Lapicque & Co.

April 22nd.

Agapene, British str., 4,799 tons, Capt. J. C. Ramsay, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Demidov, British str., 4,183 tons, Capt. W. A. Dawson, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Dukal, Norwegian str., 761 tons, Capt. L. H. Hansen, from Bangkok, with a general cargo.—Lee Bing Kee.

Hanching, British str., 1,295 tons, Capt. J. S. Thomson, from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, with a general cargo.—D. L. & Co.

Hop Sang, British str., 1,320 tons, Capt. Thompson, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.

Kronvik, Norwegian str., 1,519 tons, Capt. R. Jansen, from Saigon, with rice.—K. Jansen & Co.

Kurongang, British str., from Canton.

President Wilson, American str., 3,391 tons, Capt. Henry Nelson, from Manila, with a general cargo.—Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

Sheaf Lane, British str., from Canton.

Soshi Maru, Japanese str., 1,506 tons, Capt. Y. Okura, from Swatow, with a general cargo.—O.S.K.

Teian, British str., 1,351 tons, Capt. R. F. Mitchell, from Hobei, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Stechuan, British str., 1,504 tons, Capt. J. Gibbs, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

April 23rd.

Amakura Maru, for Swatow.

Banyo Maru, No. 9, for Keelung.

C. M. Maithel, for Djibouti.

WEATHER REPORT.

April 22nd at 11.47.—Pressure changes are small at all reporting stations.

There are now indications of a depression forming over China. Gradients are shallow in all districts.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., 23rd April, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 9.23 inches, against an average of 8.81 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon 23rd April, is as follows:—

Forecast: Hongkong to Gap Rock E or variable winds moderate to light f.a.r.

Formosa Channel The same as No. 1.

South coast of China between The same as Hongkong and Lamecks No. 1.

South coast of China between The same as Hongkong and Hainan No. 1.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, April 22nd.

Previous Un Date O. Data
Day at p.m. 8 a.m. 3 p.m.

Barometer 29.85 29.86 29.82
Temperature 73 71 76
Humidity 88 103 87
Wind Direction E E E
Force 3 2 3
Rain 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 22nd 74
Lowest open-air Temperature on 22nd 71

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 23rd to 29th, 1923.

Days of Week	Days of Month	High Water			Low Water		
		H'kong Standard Time	Height	H'kong Standard Time	Height	H'kong Standard Time	Height
Mon.	23	h m	ft in	h m	ft in	h m	ft in
		3 5	4 0	8 18	3 9	9 43	2 1
Tues.	24	h m	ft in	h m	ft in	h m	ft in
		5 10	4 2	7 14	4 1	11 04	1 9
Wed.	25	h m	ft in	h m	ft in	h m	ft in
		6 3	4 5	8 56	4 2	11 59	1 8
Thurs.	26	h m	ft in	h m	ft in	h m	ft in
		7 4	5 1	10 11	3 8	12 31	1 8
Fri.	27	h m	ft in	h m	ft in	h m	ft in
		8 4	5 3	11 04	3 1	1 37	1 7
Sat.	28	h m	ft in	h m	ft in	h m	ft in
		9 4	5 3	12 14	2 4	2 5	1 7
Sun.	29	h m	ft in	h m	ft in	h m	ft in
		10 4	5 2	1 21	1 8		

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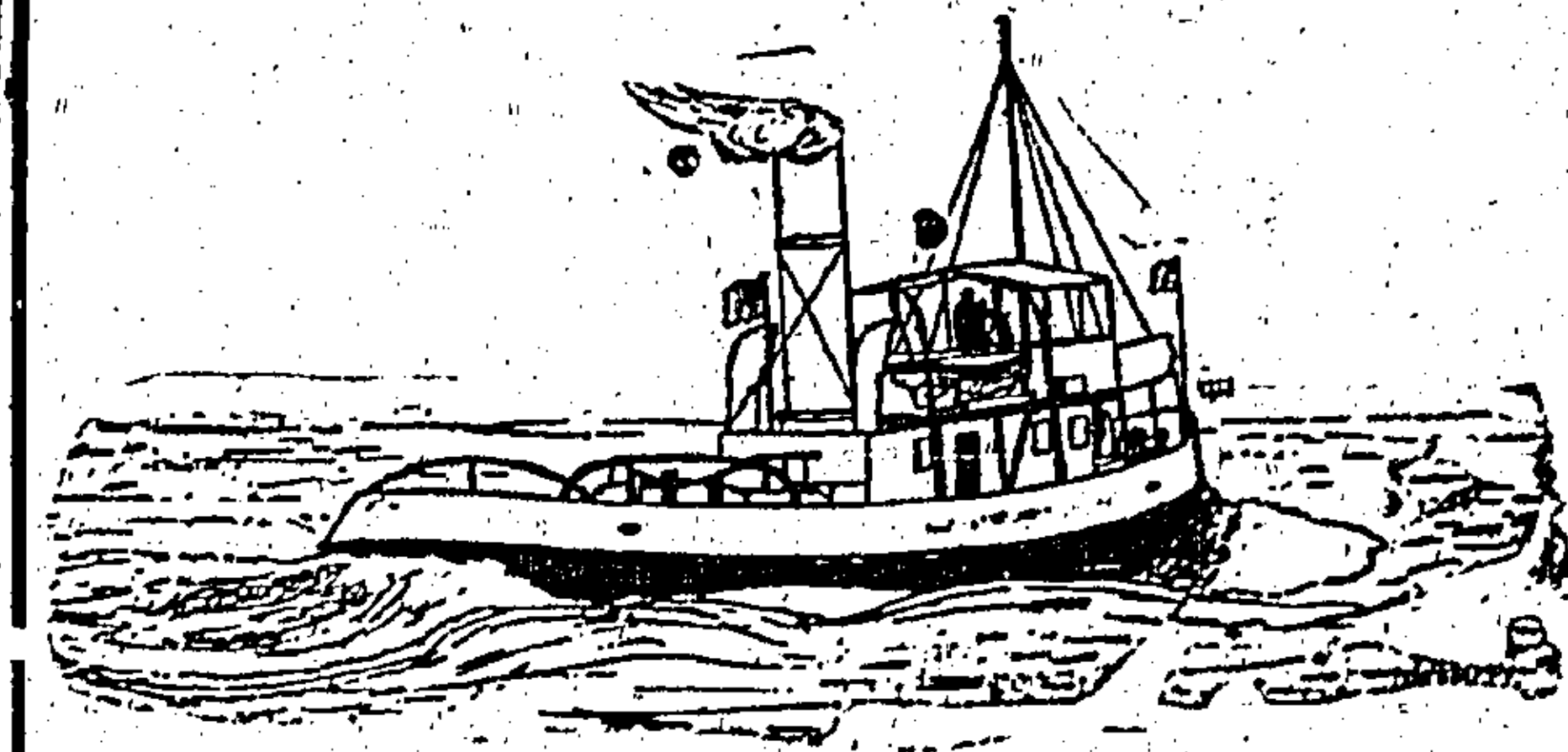
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BOSTON & NEW YORK via SUEZ	Karanga	Brit.	The Bank Line, Limited	On 23rd April
SAN FRANCISCO	Elbridge	Am.	Scrutcher & Barry	On 23rd April
VICTORIA & VANCOUVER, B.C. via SHANGHAI & K.	Empress Asia	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O.S. Ltd.	About 17th May
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via S'HAL, J. PORTS.	Kaga Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 1st May
VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, SEATTLE & TADOKA	Manila Maru	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 29th April
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	Tynarous	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th April
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	Empress Australia	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O.S. Ltd.	On 4th May
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Karnala	Brit.	P. & O. S. L. & A. L.	On 2nd May
MARSEILLES, &c.	Andre Labou	Frenc.	Messageries Maritimes	On 15th May
MARSEILLES, &c.	Amboise	Frenc.	Messageries Maritimes	On 25th May
MARSEILLES, L'ON, ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	Paul Locat	Frenc.	Messageries Maritimes	On 30th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ROTTERDAM	Mishima Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 25th April
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LONDON, HULL, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	Amazon Maru	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 11th May
LONDON, HULL, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	Glenside	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 26th April
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Banka	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On 25th April
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	Havestein	Ger.	Renter Brockhaus & Co.	About 3rd May
PORT SAID, VALENCIA, BORDAUX, HAVRE, ANT., DUN.	O. M. Mithol	Frenc.	Messageries Maritimes	About
HAVRE, ANTWERP & DUNKIRK	Le St. Laurent-Big	Frenc.	Messageries Maritimes	On middle of May
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, COLOMBO	Sudi Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 28th April
SEATTLE & CALCUTTA	Katung	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd April, 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & BOMBAY	Sitiella	Brit.	P. & O. S. L. & A. L.	On 3rd May
SINGAPORE & BELAWAN-DELI	Van Overstraten	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On 23rd April
BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE	Venezia	Brit.	Dudwell & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd April
HOIHOW, PEKING & HAIPHONG	Yunnan	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 23rd April, 11 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HAIHOW & PEKING	Hozul Maru	Jap.	Yamashita Kisen Kaisha	About 23rd April
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY	Taikwa Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 24th April, 2 p.m.
SANAKAN	Nippo	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 16th May
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	Aki Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 5th May
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	St. Albans	Brit.	P. & O. S. L. & A. L.	On 29th April
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	Taiyuan	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 23rd April, Noon
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Kwongnam	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 24th April
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Haruna Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th April
SHANGHAI & JAPAN	Paul Locat	Frenc.	Messageries Maritimes	On
SHANGHAI & TINGTAD	Nyansa	Brit.	P. & O. S. L. & A. L.	On 24th April, Noon
SHANGHAI	Kiekiang	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 27th April, 1 p.m.
DALNY	Tiptondari	Dut.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	About mid May
JAPAN PORTS	Shunko Maru	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 6th May
TIENTSIN	Cheongshing	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 26th April, Noon
BANKA, BULITON & BATAVIA	Tjitaroom	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	About 30th April
CALCUTTA, SINGAPORE & RANGOON	Indo Maru	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 7th May
RANGOON via HAIHOW	Chunwang	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 30th April, 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Kwangchow	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th April, Noon
SWATOW AMOY & FOOCHOW	Halobing	Dut.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 27th April, 1 p.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	Halobing	Dut.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 27th April, 1 p.m.
MANILA	Katung	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 24th April, 3 p.m.
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Chekiang, due to-day.
Corinthian (M.M.), due May 8th.
Elizabet (Blue Funnel), due May 10th.
Gladius (Blue Funnel), due April 25th.
Haruna Maru (N.Y.K.), due to-day.
Kanaka Maru (N.Y.K.), due May 4th.
Katori Maru (N.Y.K.), due May 31st.
Myrmidon (Blue Funnel), due May 14th.
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Straits and Egypt	Demodocus	2.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Stanley	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Hyland	3.30 P.M.
Swatow	Hyland	3.30 P.M.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Yunnan	Tuesday 24th, 8.30 A.M.
Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand	Victoria	Registration 9.45 A.M.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday	Letters	10.30 A.M.
Island, 8th May		
*Swatow and Bangkok	Fooking	10.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands and Keelung	Taiyo Maru	10.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Nyasa	10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hoaching	Noon
Japan and *Victoria B.C.—due Victoria	Tyndarus	Noon
about May 15th		
Sandakan	Hinsing	1.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *Canada	Parcels	5.00 P.M.
U.S.A. Central & South America	Registration	5.00 P.M.
*EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO	Letters	5.00 P.M.
—due San Francisco, 17th May		
Ship sails 25th Apr. 10 a.m.		
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques	Mishima Maru	Wednesday, 25th, 8.45 A.M.
South Africa, India via D'Kodi	Letters	8.30 A.M.
Egypt & EUROPE via MALT		
SEILLES—due Marseilles, 26th May		
Swatow, Amoy and Taku	Sochi Maru	Thursday 26th, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haifong	Friday, 27th, Noon
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A.	Parcels	5.00 P.M.
Central and South America, and	Registration	5.00 P.M.
*EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—	Letters	5.00 P.M.
due Victoria, B.C., 17th May		
Ship sails 25th Apr. 10 a.m.		
Japan and Honolulu	Ango Maru	Sunday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.
Java via Batavia	Typhoon	Monday, 30th, 10.30 A.M.
Haiphong, Saigon, *Straits, *Ceylon	Parcels	12.45 P.M.
*Mauritius, *L. Marques, *South Africa	Letters	1.30 P.M.
*India via Dhanushkodi, *Aden, *Egypt		
*EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due		
Marseilles, 3rd June		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haifong	Tuesday, 1st, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Pres. Grant	3.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques	Parcels	5.00 P.M.
South Africa, India via D'Kodi	Registration	8.00 A.M.
Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due	Letters	8.00 A.M.
Marseilles, 2nd June		

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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21st April, 1923.

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Bank Bill, at 90 days' sight	2/3 1/2	13/16
On New York—	Bank Bill, on demand	53 1/2
Bank Bill, at 60 days' sight	53 1/2	13/16
On Hong Kong—	Telegraphic Transfer	172
Bank Bill, on demand	172	13/16
On Shanghai—	Telegraphic Transfer	172
Bank Bill, on demand	172	13/16
On Yokohama—	Bank Bill, at sight	nom.
Bank Bill, at 30 days' sight	111	13/16
On Manila—	On demand	108 1/2
On Singapore—	On demand	98 1/2
On Batavia—	On demand	138
On Haiphong—	On demand	nom.
On Saigon—	On demand	80 1/2
On Bangkok—	On demand	8 1/2
On Bombay—	On demand	47 1/2
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Head Office: Hongkong.
Authorized Capital \$50,000,000
Paid-up Capital \$20,000,000
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Sterling \$24,500,000
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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 14th November, 1922.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

Paid-up Capital \$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital \$1,000,000
Paid-up Capital \$1,000,000
Reserve Fund \$1,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, March 27th, 1923.

THE CHINESE MERCHANTS BANK, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE
Alexander Buildings, Charter Road,
GENERAL BANKING and Exchange business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.
Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received at rates which may be quoted on application.
The Bank also conducts a Savings Department.

K. O. LAU,
Chief Manager.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

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(Incorporated by the Provisional Mandate of the Republic of China on the 21st of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital \$40,000,000
Paid-up Capital \$10,000,000
Reserve Fund \$10,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—PEKING.
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Reserve Fund \$1,000,000

BRANCHES:
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H. C. WILSON,
Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, March 22nd, 1923.

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(NEDERLANDSCH TRADING SOCIETY.)

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Reserve Fund \$1,000,000
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HEAD OFFICE:
No. 10 Des Voeux Road, C. HONGKONG.

Authorized Capital \$10,000,000
Paid-up Capital \$5,000,000
Reserve Fund \$5,000,000

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KAN TUNG FOI,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 25th, 1923.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital (fully paid up) Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund Yen 60,000,000

HEAD OFFICE YOKOHAMA.

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(Incorporated in Taiwan)
Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter 1921.

Capital Subscribed Yen 60,000,000
Capital (Paid-up) Yen 30,000,000
Reserve Funds Yen 12,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—TAIPEI, FORMOSA.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
5, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, 7th September, 1922.

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Head Office: 90, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital Fr. 700,000,000
Paid-up Capital Fr. 350,000,000
Reserve Funds Fr. 150,000,000

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